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Path yet to emerge on debt limit

Investors, analysts are trying to assess the potential fallout

By Jeanna Smialek and Joe Rennison
The New York Times

With days to go before the United States bumps up against a technical limit on how much debt it can issue, Wall Street analysts and political prognosticators are warning that a perennial source of partisan brinkmanship could finally tip into outright catastrophe in 2023.

Big investors and bank economists are using financial models to predict when the U.S., which borrows money to pay its existing bills, will run out of cash. They are assessing what it could mean if the government is unable to pay some of its bondholders and the country defaults on its debt. And they are gaming out how to minimize risks and make the most of any opportunities to profit that might be hiding in the chaos.

The need to start planning for a potential debt limit breach became more urgent last week, when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Congress that the nation would hit its borrowing cap Thursday. At that point, Treasury will begin using "extraordinary measures" to try to stay under the cap for as long as possible — but those options could be exhausted as soon as June.

Congress places a limit on the amount of debt the country can issue, with a simple majority in the House and Senate required to lift it. That cap, currently $31.4 trillion, needs to be adjusted to allow the United States to borrow to pay for obligations it has already committed to, such as funding for social safety net programs, interest on the national debt and salaries for troops.

Wrangling over lifting the borrowing cap has become a fixture, and this year is shaping up to be particularly complicated.

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Soldiers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A debt default could jeopardize salaries for active-duty military members and benefits that the government is obligated to provide veterans and their families. **KENNY HOLSTON/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

Mayoral candidates Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, from left, state Rep. Kam Buckner, Paul Vallas and Willie Wilson pray after meeting with members of the Tribune editorial board and staff at the Chicago Tribune Freedom Center on Tuesday in Chicago. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Mayoral candidates share ideas on some key topics

Investment in city, improving schools and reducing crime foremost among them

By Alice Yin and A.D. Quig and Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Four candidates for Chicago mayor shared ideas Tuesday ranging from the creation of an independent development authority to invest in projects such as a hedge fund to the redirection of new business property taxes toward feeding and housing vulnerable Chicagoans.

Ald. Roderick Sawyer, businessman Willie Wilson, state Rep. Kambium "Kam" Buckner and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas met with the newspaper's editorial board, which operates separately from the newsroom.

The challengers — all aiming to deprive Mayor Lori Lightfoot of a second term in office — offered some diverging ideologies but overall consensus that the city was headed in the wrong direction.

The board will meet with other candidates in the coming days.

For much of the session the candidates focused on crime, education and community investment, particularly on the South and West sides. Vallas criticized the city and state for closing schools too long during COVID-19 and blamed it in part for increased street violence, a contentious claim that Lightfoot has also made.

Asked to address the declining enrollment at CPS — from just over 400,000 students a decade ago to just over 320,000 for this school year — candidates gave a wide range of causes and solutions. Wilson blamed crime and high taxes; Vallas and Sawyer both said they would look into bloat at CPS' central office.

Buckner said school enrollment issues reflect the broader exodus of Black residents from Chicago, which needs to be addressed for the health of the city and schools.

"For many of the young people in the district, if the lead pipes don't get you, if the constant threat of strike don't get you, the subpar curriculum will," Buckner said. "People are making a choice. ... They're voting with their feet."

Wilson said as mayor he would "close some of those schools down that have 10 percent or 25 percent capacity. I would sell them. I would open some up as trade schools. Then I would take some of the other schools and create construction inside them and create jobs that people can get in those particular schools,

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ComEd seeks rate hike to help grid

Money would address demands of electric vehicles, climate change

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

ComEd filed for a four-year, $1.47 billion rate increase Tuesday with the Illinois Commerce Commission to bolster its grid for the demands of EVs, electrification and climate change.

If approved by state regulators, ComEd customers will pay an average of $17 per month more for delivery charges by 2027, the utility said. The ICC will review the rate and grid plans and is expected to issue a decision by December.

The rate request comes as ComEd is grappling with political fallout from a lobbying scandal involving top executives and power brokers set for trial in March. In 2020, ComEd agreed to pay a $200 million fine in exchange for federal prosecutors dropping charges against the utility in an alleged bribery scheme to pass favorable legislation.

Among those charged in connection with the scandal are former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, longtime lobbyist Michael McClain and former ComEd CEO Ann Pramaggiorre.

"We recognize that the events that were outlined in the deferred prosecution agreement are serious," ComEd spokesman Paul Elsberg said. "We take them seriously, and we're continuing to build on significant new policies and oversight and training of employees to make sure that that past conduct can never happen again."

ComEd said the proposed rate increase is necessary to meet the state's clean energy goals, despite a potentially unfavorable political climate of its own making.

The $1.47 billion request would spread the cost over four years, with the average residential monthly bill increasing by $6.72 in 2024; $5.73 in 2025; and $6.20 in 2026. ComEd projects monthly

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New Bears leader 'in my sweet spot'

Kevin Warren, introduced as the next Bears president and CEO, says he'll embrace the dual challenges of pursuing a new stadium and a Super Bowl title.
In Sports

The Bears introduce new President and CEO Kevin Warren on Tuesday at Halas Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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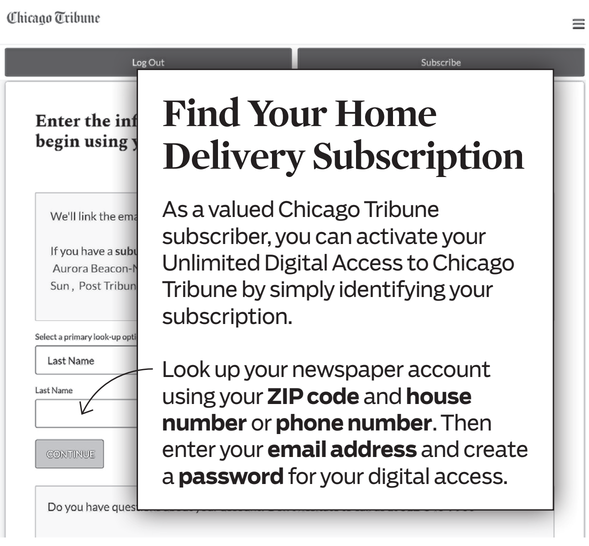

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Buildings near the Chicago lakefront are silhouetted as the sun rises on Jan. 15. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Record warm start to Chicago winter to continue this week

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

It's not you: So far this winter, Chicago has been abnormally warm.

Through Monday, the city's temperatures are tied for Chicago's fourth warmest start to the year. More incoming warm weather could push the record even higher, National Weather Service meteorologist Jake Petr said.

"It is certainly anomalously warm for this time of year," Petr said.

The temperature reached 50 degrees at midnight Monday. The irregularity continued Tuesday, with a high of 41 degrees during the day amid drizzle in the northern suburbs and clouds.

The high mark is expected to reach into the 40s again on Wednesday and Thursday, with rain spread across the area Wednesday and potential snowfall near the Wisconsin-Illinois state line, Petr said.

So far this month, the average temperature in Chicago has been 36.6 degrees, a full 10.9 degrees above normal averages, he said.

"Quite noteworthy for sure," Petr added. Rockford has seen similar record-setting warmth this month, he noted.

It's too early to determine if the abnormally warm temperatures are related to global warming, the meteorologist said. However, one reason is the city's snow pack has been kept down since melting in late December, meaning lingering snow and ice haven't cooled temperatures, he said.

Petr said Chicago's warmer conditions are occurring because of the current orientation of the upper jet stream, the same meteorological alignment affecting California with abnormally harsh weather.

But while the city is approaching what is typically the coldest time of the year — Jan. 23 claims the city's coldest average temperature — sustained cold weather could still hit Chicago this winter.

Temperatures are expected to become more "seasonable" this weekend, with highs dropping into the mid-to low 30s.

"Certainly not cold as far as winter goes, but with what we've been used to so far this new year, it'll feel a lot colder," Petr said.

The Climate Prediction Center expects temperatures at the end of the month to have a roughly 50-50 chance of being below average, though it is hard to predict beyond that, he said. Neither a noteworthy cold stretch nor a noteworthy warm stretch are expected, he added.

And with half of January and the whole month of February left, snow at some point can't be ruled out, Petr said.

"We've still got plenty of winter to go," he said.

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bills would decrease by $1.67 in the fourth year of the plan, bringing the total increase to about $17 per month by 2027.

Last year, ComEd filed for a proposed $199 million increase in electricity delivery charges, its largest rate hike since 2014. That was approved by the ICC in December and projected to add about $2.20 per month to the average residential customer bill this year.

The latest request is part of the state's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, a clean energy bill requiring Illinois utilities to get 40% of their power from renewable sources by 2030. ComEd's grid improvement plan includes connecting to a projected fivefold increase in rooftop and community solar systems, and meeting the demands of widespread electric vehicle adoption.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker has set the goal of having 1 million electric vehicles on the road by 2030. There is still a long way to go, with 57,311 EVs registered in Illinois as of late December, or less than 1% of the state's 10.3 million vehicles.

Last year, ComEd received a record 19,292 applications from residential and business customers looking to connect solar panels to the grid.

Michelle Blaise, ComEd's senior vice president of technical services, said the existing grid "wasn't designed" to handle the two-way flow of power into the grid from distributed energy resources such as home rooftop solar installations, and needs to be upgraded as the technology gains wider use.

Likewise, the adoption of EVs could dramatically increase electricity demand on the grid, adding upward of 40% to the load used by a single-family home.

"We need to make sure that our equipment will be able to handle that additional load," Blaise said.

ComEd's multiyear grid plan also includes girding for more severe weather events caused by climate change through upgrading and replacing outdated equipment and improved coordination with communities for faster power restoration during storms, the utility said.

Chicago-based Exelon, the parent of ComEd, spun off Constellation, its former power generation subsidiary, into a stand-alone company in February 2022. ComEd delivers electricity to more than 4 million customers across northern Illinois.

In a filing Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Exelon said ComEd's proposed rate increase projects annual returns on common equity for shareholders to grow from 10.5% in 2024 to 10.65% in 2027.

Abe Scarr, director of Illinois PIRG, a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization, said ComEd has more than doubled its delivery rates since 2012, pending approval of the latest proposed increase. He questioned whether the $1.47 billion rate increase was necessary to meet the state's clean energy goals.

"ComEd will no doubt justify its massive proposed rate hike by the need to invest in the grid to transition to clean energy," Scarr said in a statement. "But as vital as the clean energy transition is, it cannot mean a blank check for ComEd to raise rates and fatten Exelon's profits."

For Chicago-area utility customers, the proposed ComEd increase is the latest blow to their monthly budget.

Earlier this month, Peoples Gas filed for a proposed $402 million rate increase that would continue to fund its costly pipeline replacement program and add $11.83 per month to the average Chicago residential customer bill beginning in January 2024.

In the suburbs, North Shore Gas filed for an $18.5 million rate increase that would add about $6 per month, while Nicor Gas is seeking a $321 million rate increase that would add $9.28 per month to the average residential customer bill next year.

"ComEd's four-year, $1.5 billion request is terrible news on top of the record rate-hike requests that customers are already dealing with from Nicor Gas and Peoples Gas," David Kolata, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board, said in a statement. "We will scrutinize ComEd's filing to challenge every penny the company can't justify."

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Debt

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Republicans hold the House by a slim majority, and a small but vocal faction of the party has won changes to the rules that govern legislative debate. They have made clear that they want deep spending cuts in exchange for raising the debt limit, and their empowerment could make this round of talks more likely to end in disaster.

Bank of America analysts wrote in a note to clients this week that a default in late summer or early fall is "likely," while Goldman Sachs called the possibility that the U.S. government would not be able to make good on its bills a "greater risk" than at any time since 2011. When the nation approached the brink in that episode, its credit rating was downgraded, and wild market gyrations helped to force lawmakers to blink.

On Tuesday, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said President Joe Biden and Senate Democrats need to sit down with Republicans as soon as possible to begin discussing controls on federal spending and lifting the nation's debt limit.

"We are six months away, approximately, and what I would like to do is I would like to sit down with all the leaders and especially the president to start having discussions," he said at the Capitol.

But Biden and congressional Democrats have called for the limit to be increased without conditions, avoiding rattling financial markets and threatening the economy.

McCarthy rejected the Democrats' approach, saying, "I don't see why you would continue the past behavior." He also said, "Who wants to put the nation through some type of threat at the last minute with the debt ceiling? Nobody wants to do that."

The speaker said he is seeking changes to major entitlement programs as well as to annual discretionary spending that funds the operating budgets of federal agencies.

"Let's sit down and find a place where we can protect Medicare and Social Security for the future generations, let's put our house in order in how we are going to spend," said McCarthy, R-Calif.

In Washington, the Federal Reserve and Treasury are not publicly speaking about what they could do if an outright default were to happen this time, in part because the mere suggestion they will bail out warring politicians could leave lawmakers with less of an incentive to reach a deal. But they have a series of options — albeit bad ones — for mitigating the disaster if political impasse takes the nation up to or over the brink of default.

It's tricky to guess how financial markets will react, both because the timing of any default is uncertain and because many investors are waiting to see what happens in Washington.

But former government officials and cautious Wall Street observers warn that the effects could be significant. Markets have grown bigger and more complex since 2011, and an outright default could lead to mass selling, which would impair financial functioning. While the government has done contingency planning for a default, former officials say there is no foolproof option for staving off a disaster.

"There is no good plan," said Jack Lew, a former Treasury secretary in the Obama administration. "It's a more dangerous time than ever before to test it."

Despite the risks, some financial pain may prove necessary to force lawmakers to reach a solution, said Daleep Singh, a former official at the Treasury, the Fed and the White House who is now the chief global economist at PGIM Fixed Income.

Bloomberg News contributed.

CHICAGOLAND

UIC faculty on strike over pay, student mental health

Officials, students join Tuesday rally at quad on campus

By Laura Rodríguez Presa
Chicago Tribune

After nine months of contract negotiations, members of the union representing University of Illinois at Chicago faculty had not hit a deal with the administration and instead moved to their first day of a strike Tuesday afternoon.

Hundreds of faculty, and students who support them, gathered at the university's East Campus Quad to picket and host a rally where they were joined by several officials, including Stacy Davis Gates, president of the Chicago Teachers Union, and state Rep. Lakesia Collins, a Democrat from Chicago.

Priorities for the UIC United Faculty union include fair pay raises for tenure and non-tenure-track faculty that match inflation, job security, and expanded mental health support for students.

"Compensation is our biggest issue that we're really able to legally strike over since it directly affects us ... but while that's extremely important, something that is incredibly important that emerged during COVID, and is all that anyone talks about during our member meetings, is student mental health and wellness," said Charitianne Williams, the union's communications chair and an English professor at the school.

The union has specifically asked for access to free evaluations for learning disabilities, a benefit that students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign already receive, and free psychological and neuropsychological testing to address mental health. The union claims that the responsibility has often fallen on the faculty's workload.

Over the last two years, Williams said that many students approach their professors for emotional and mental health support aside from academic support.

"It should be up to a trained professional to tell me how to support my students, instead of me, an untrained professional, depending on my intuition on how to help them," she said.

On Monday, the UIC administration announced that it committed $4.47 million over the next six years to address student mental health and well-being.

The funding will allow for increased staffing for the counseling center including licensed therapists, psychiatrists and salary enhancements to recruit and retain staff, according to an announcement from the university.

The strategy will include the creation of a social work trainee field unit, opening of a wellness drop-in space on the west side of campus and more.

But Williams said the recently announced strategy is not enough because the funds can run out and so can the university's commitment.

"It's not very much money to spread over the next six years," Williams said. "And it's just a plan, it's not even really a promise."

Williams said she has been informing students of the negotiations. They're all very supportive, she said.

A handful of students attended the rally while others watched as their professors picketed on the quad instead of carrying out lesson plans in the classrooms. Others, however, went on with their normal day.

Graduate students who teach classes, adjunct professors and other faculty who are not part of the union are required to continue teaching.

Anna Regnerus, a third-year student at UIC, attended the rally with friends. Most of her classes had been canceled, she said.

"I definitely support," Regnerus said. Her father is an alum of the university and the reason she chose UIC is because of the caliber of its professors, she said.

Instead of seeing her professors during her typical Tuesday classes, Charleigh Hicks watched as they picketed in the quad.

"It's sad that they have to get to this point because it is not only taking them from what they love to do, but it takes students out of classes," Hicks said.

By Tuesday evening, the union had not gotten a response from the administration, said Williams, but a bargaining session was expected to resume Wednesday. Faculty are set to picket every day this week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until a tentative contract agreement is reached.

Javier Reyes, interim chancellor of the university, informed the student body of the strike and said "during the strike, the university is committed to continuing normal operations to the fullest extent possible."

Reyes added that "based on the shared principles between all involved, the university remains optimistic that a fair and beneficial bargaining agreement can be achieved."

Professors who are members of the UIC United Faculty union had been working without a contract since August and in November 77% of their nearly 900 members voted in support of the strike.

"It's been very frustrating for all that we do and all that we want to continue doing," said Paul Preissner, an architecture professor since 2006. "But it's great to see so much support."

The last time the union went on strike was in 2014 when members went on a two-day work stoppage before settling. And in 2019, the union reached a deal with the administration just a day before they'd planned a work stoppage.

Members of the union include tenured, tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty with 51% time or more, including visiting faculty.

The work stoppage under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act allows the members to picket and demonstrate peacefully and they can choose to work or to strike. Those who choose to work and not strike will continue to be paid, but those who choose to strike will not be paid during the demonstrations.

Students are encouraged to check their online dashboards and emails for the status of specific classes and labs.

"We will be out here until the contract is settled, the things that we're asking for are things that we need. It's not a frivolous request," Williams said. "We will take care of our students to the best of our ability while we are out here."

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UIC students show solidarity with faculty members who are on strike after failing to reach a contract agreement following nine months of negotiations at the University of Illinois at Chicago campus on Tuesday. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Police investigate fire at Peoria Planned Parenthood as arson

By Claire Savage

A fire at a central Illinois Planned Parenthood clinic is being investigated as arson, Peoria police said Tuesday, just days after the state enacted sweeping abortion protections.

Officers responded to a report of an "unknown person throwing a Molotov cocktail" into the Peoria clinic building at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, police spokesperson Semone Roth said.

Peoria police and fire officials are investigating the blaze, and no suspects have been identified or arrests made, Roth said.

The incident occurred two days after Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law reproductive health care legislation to protect out-of-state abortion seekers, adding Illinois to the list of states that have placed legal reinforcements around the procedure after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

No patients or staff were inside during the fire, but it caused "significant damage" to the building, Jennifer Welch, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, said in a statement.

The clinic is currently closed, and the organization is rescheduling patients who had appointments to other health care centers, and offering transportation assistance to those who need it.

The Peoria Planned Parenthood location offered medication abortion but was not a site for in-clinic procedures, said Welch, who pledged to prosecute the perpetrator "to the fullest extent of the law."

"The vast majority of our Peoria Health Center patients were coming to us for family planning, STI testing and treatment and other reproductive health care," she said. "This act of vandalism will have a devastating impact on the community's ability to access birth control, cancer screenings and gender-affirming care."

Anti-abortion organization Illinois Right to Life Executive Director Mary Kate Zander condemned the incident, saying: "We would never condone violence against any Planned Parenthood or any other abortion clinic." She added: "The primary reason that we stand against abortion is that it's an act of violence. So it would be hypocritical of us to not say the same in the case of an act of violence against abortion workers."

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Illinois' sweeping firearm ban faces first lawsuits, pushback from dozens of sheriffs

By Dan Petrella and Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Only a week old, Illinois' sweeping ban on high-powered firearms and large-capacity ammunition magazines is facing at least two legal challenges and pushback from dozens of county sheriffs who say they won't uphold the law.

One lawsuit was filed Friday in state court in Crawford County, which borders Indiana in southern Illinois, on behalf of three residents who argue that the law violates their right to bear arms under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Failed Republican attorney general candidate Thomas DeVore filed another lawsuit Tuesday in nearby Effingham County on behalf of four licensed firearm dealers and more than 850 other individuals who contend their rights are violated by the law.

Later Tuesday, the Illinois State Rifle Association issued a statement from its executive director saying the gun-rights group would be "filing a federal lawsuit imminently."

The law took effect with Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's signature on Jan. 10. Pritzker and other supporters of the law anticipated legal challenges to the measure, passed in response to the deadly mass shooting at the Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, but have contended that the restrictions it places on firearm ownership are constitutional.

In addition to legal challenges, putting the law into practice has become an issue as sheriffs across the state, including in DuPage and other Chicago-area counties, have indicated they would not enforce the weapons ban on the grounds that it punishes law-abiding citizens by violating their Second Amendment rights.

DuPage Sheriff James Mendrick, a Republican, said in a news release Friday that he believed the law was "a clear violation" of the "inalienable right" to bear arms which his office would not participate in enforcing.

Mendrick was also criticized by newly elected DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy, a former Democratic state representative from Elmhurst, who said in a statement Friday, "In DuPage County, we should not be playing politics with state laws."

On Tuesday, 16 Democratic state legislators who represent portions of the west suburban county said in an open letter to residents that they were "dismayed and angered" by Mendrick's statement.

"The DuPage County sheriff's intention to violate his sworn duty to uphold our state's laws is a dereliction of duty and puts our safety at risk," the lawmakers wrote. "The sheriff's words send a clear message that lawbreakers are welcome here."

Pritzker likewise has chided sheriffs who've come out against the law, saying enforcing its provisions is "their job."

"And I expect them to do that job. ... You can have all the resolutions and declarations that you want; the reality is that the laws that are on the books, you don't get to choose which ones people are going to follow," Pritzker said last week at an unrelated event in Quincy.

One gun control group called the sheriffs' vow that they won't enforce the law "disturbing" and said law enforcement agencies need to "come together" in understanding "how gun violence is devastating our communities."

"This legislation was not a symbolic act — it's a critical path to protect the lives of children and Black and brown communities in our state," the group Gun Violence Prevention PAC, or GPAC, said in a statement. "Furthermore, the legislation serves as a safeguard for law enforcement as well."

The Crawford County lawsuit names as defendants two people who are tasked with enforcing the law: Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly and Crawford County State's Attorney Cole Price Shaner.

State Police spokeswoman Melaney Arnold declined to comment on pending litigation. Shaner could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

The lawsuit alleges that the law violates the Fourth and 14th amendments by requiring people who owned now-banned firearms at the time it took effect to "admit possession of certain firearms that under state law are generally declared to be unlawful."

The complaint also alleges that the ban violates the Second Amendment, leaning heavily on a June decision from the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down New York state's concealed carry law.

The Illinois law immediately bans the delivery, sale, import and purchase of guns that are designated in the law as "assault weapons." Starting next year, people who possess guns covered by the ban must either register them with the state or face a misdemeanor for a first offense and a felony for subsequent offenses.

The law also immediately bans the delivery, sale or purchase of large capacity ammunition magazines of more than 10 rounds for long guns and 15 rounds for handguns. As of April 10, current owners' possession of large-capacity magazines will be allowed only on private property, at a firing range or a sport shooting competition or at a federal licensed gun dealer for repairs. Violations will be subject to a $1,000 fine.

Also, devices that increase the firing rates of a firearm, known as "switches," to turn them into semi-automatic or automatic weapons, are immediately banned and someone in possession would face a felony count for each device.

The new law also speeds up to July from January the existing requirement for universal background checks by federal firearm dealers or the Illinois State Police for private gun sales. It also modifies the state's current "red flag" law that allows relatives and police to seek a court approved firearm restraining order to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people, extending the duration of the orders from six months to a year.

Most Republicans contended the legislation would do nothing to prevent crime, would run counter to rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court involving Second Amendment rights and would face a court challenge upon becoming law.

In the Effingham County lawsuit, DeVore focuses largely on procedural issues under the state constitution, arguing that the process by which the measure was approved violated a requirement that legislation be confined to a single subject. In the final days of the their lame-duck session, lawmakers took a bill that was initially about insurance and overwrote it with the weapons ban.

While a common practice in Springfield, DeVore argues that "it's an abhorrent method of excluding the public from participating in lawmaking so they might have a meaningful opportunity to make their voices heard to representatives."

The lawsuit, which names Pritzker, House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Senate President Don Harmon and Attorney General Kwame Raoul as defendants, alleges that lawmakers and the governor violated the state constitution's due process and equal protection clauses.

Pritzker signed the bill just hours after House Democrats led final passage of the measure on a 68-41 vote, and a day after Senate Democrats approved it 34-20. Pritzker and legislators acted amid warnings from most Republicans and gun-rights advocates that the new law was unconstitutional and would face a legal challenge.

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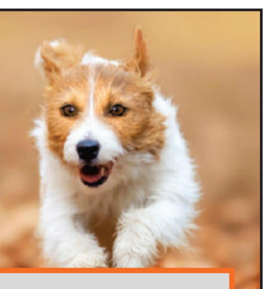

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Feds: 2 south suburban cops stole cash and drugs, extorted drivers

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

A south suburban police sergeant and a patrol officer under his command are facing federal charges alleging they robbed motorists of cash and drugs during traffic stops and extorted people in exchange for declining to press charges or tow their vehicles.

Jarrett Snowden, 34, of Lansing, and Antoine "Bell" Larry, 46, of Bolingbrook, both officers for the small village of Phoenix, were charged in a four-count indictment made public Tuesday with bribery conspiracy, extortion and attempted extortion.

An arraignment date had not been set in the case as of Tuesday. Larry's attorney, Garry Payton, said he had not seen the indictment as of Monday morning and had no comment. Snowden's attorney could not be reached.

After the Tribune reached out to Phoenix officials seeking comment, police Chief Roy Wells issued a written statement Tuesday saying both officers were placed on unpaid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

"To avoid compromising the integrity of the federal government's investigation, we will offer no further comment," the statement read.

According to the 10-page indictment, Snowden and Larry "agreed to use their official powers and positions as police officers" to rob and extort people they pulled over in Phoenix and the neighboring suburb of Harvey, about 19 miles south of downtown Chicago.

The officers stole firearms, drugs and cash from targeted vehicles and their occupants, and also solicited cash payments in exchange for "reducing, dropping or declining to press charges" against the occupants, as well as allowing them to keep their vehicles instead of having them towed, the indictment stated.

In some instances, Larry and Snowden arranged for the victims to meet them at a nearby gas station with bribe payments, the indictment alleged.

To conceal the conspiracy, the officers at times used a "bagman" to collect the payments, and also had an agreement to sell the narcotics they'd stolen to a drug dealer and split any proceeds from the eventual street sales 50/50, the indictment alleged.

In all, the indictment lists seven separate acts of extortion or bribery between October 2020 and December 2021.

Phoenix and Harvey have long been hotbeds for corruption, with numerous police officers and politicians indicted over the years on charges ranging from extortion to murder.

The sensational 1979 murder of then-Phoenix Mayor William Hawkins was allegedly carried out by members of his own police department who were angry he wasn't sharing siphoned-off government funds with them like he promised. A police lieutenant was convicted and sentenced to life in prison, while another officer was acquitted at trial.

In 2019, the U.S. attorney's office announced an array of corruption charges against people close to then-Harvey Mayor Eric Kellogg, including Kellogg's brother, Derrick Muhammad, a Harvey police officer, accused of falsifying a police report to protect two convicted felons from possibly facing weapons charges.

Muhammad pleaded guilty and was sentenced in 2020 to nine months in prison.

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2 Ill. paramedics killed man by strapping him facedown, authorities say

By Kathleen Foody

Two Illinois paramedics face first-degree murder charges, having been accused of strapping a patient facedown on a stretcher while taking him to a hospital last month.

Illinois authorities filed the charges against Peggy Finley and Peter Cadigan on Jan. 9, nearly a month after 35-year-old Earl Moore died. Under Illinois law, a first-degree murder charge can be filed when a defendant "knows that such acts create a strong probability of death or great bodily harm."

Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright announced the charges at a Jan. 10 press conference after an autopsy. The autopsy report listed Moore's cause of death as homicide, caused by compressional and positional asphyxia as he lay facedown on the paramedic stretcher with straps tightened across his back.

If convicted, Finley and Cadigan could face between 20 and 60 years in prison.

They remained in the Sangamon County jail on Tuesday and were being held on a $1 million bond each. A message left Tuesday at their attorney's office was not immediately returned. They are next due in court on Thursday.

After announcing the charges, authorities released body camera footage from three Springfield police officers showing Moore's encounter with the officers and the paramedics. Wright said Moore's family and community groups were consulted before the footage was released.

The Springfield police department first responded to Moore's home around 2 a.m. on Dec. 18. The police footage shows that a woman inside the home told one of the officers that Moore was in withdrawal from alcohol and hallucinating.

The video shows Moore lying on a bed, occasionally speaking incoherently or gasping. At one point he rolls onto the floor. Wright said the officers felt Moore was in "medical distress" and called paramedics.

When Finley arrives, she comes into the bedroom where Moore is still on the floor. Soon after, she yells at him to sit up and asks repeatedly for his birth date.

"Sit up," she said. "You know what, I am not playing. Sit up. Quit acting stupid. Sit up. Sit up now. I am not playing with you tonight."

"You're gonna have to walk cause we ain't carrying you," she adds as police tell Moore he has to walk outside to get to the hospital.

Police then lift Moore to his feet between two officers and slowly move him toward the door. Outside the home, police lift him onto the stretcher. The second paramedic waiting outside the house forcefully puts Moore onto his stomach and the two paramedics are shown tightly strapping Moore to the stretcher in that position.

According to a statement from Springfield police, the department later learned that Moore died after arriving at the hospital and Chief Ken Scarlette asked the Illinois State Police to conduct an independent investigation of Moore's death.

"The officers, who are not emergency medical professionals, are not trained nor equipped to provide the necessary medical treatment or to transport patients in this type of situation," Scarlette said in a statement. "The officers turned over care of the patient to the licensed, medical professionals at the scene in accordance with Springfield Police Department policy."

Douglas Wolfberg, a founding partner of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth a law firm that concentrates on representing emergency medical services, said it's immensely rare for a provider to face a murder or homicide charge in connection with patient care and it's difficult for prosecutors to make a criminal case beyond a reasonable doubt. Wolfberg said he was extremely troubled by the video and believes the pair at least provided "wholly deficient care" from when Finley first interacted with Moore to when the paramedics strapped their patient in the prone position.

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Mayor

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and open them up for the homeless until they get on their feet."

Vallas said CPS would be better served if some of the charter schools currently operating in "substandard buildings" — he estimated there were at least 80 — were allowed to occupy former district-run buildings.

"You have charter schools that are in warehouses, you have charter schools that are in rectories," he said. "These are our kids."

"The school district, under pressure of the teachers union, will not let them occupy these big, vacant buildings," Vallas said, noting that charter high schools are often the closest available for Black and Latino students.

The candidates sought to portray themselves as uniquely qualified to lead the city. Vallas highlighted his ability to be "wonkish" but also collaborative and cast himself as a problem-solver.

Wilson spoke about his philanthropy and cash giveaways and noted that he gave away thousands of face masks at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. He proposed that all new businesses coming to the city should see 5% of their property taxes go toward loans to help struggling Chicagoans stay fed and housed, particularly during times of crises.

The businessman also joked that he didn't finish school but makes more money than anyone in the room.

"I only have a seventh-grade education," Wilson said. "I ran away from home at 13. Now all these guys, and you guys probably have more education than I have, but I probably can beat you making money because you work for somebody else."

Candidates also discussed the Invest South/West program that Lightfoot launched as her signature neighborhood investment plan in 2019, with the goal of increasing development in parts of the city that have long suffered from disinvestment. The mayor frequently lauds the program as a transformational effort to boost neighborhoods on the South and West sides, but a Tribune review of the program paints a much more complex and nuanced picture.

Among the findings were that while Lightfoot's administration has spent millions of dollars in public funds and worked to spur both public and private development in neighborhoods that have experienced generations of disinvestment, the mayor has also lumped millions that were already in the works before she took office or constitute routine government spending, padding the investment total for Invest South/West.

"The mayor put her name on Rahm Emanuel's homework," Buckner said.

Sawyer said Lightfoot's office doesn't work with aldermen on development, leading to projects ending unsuccessfully. And Wilson said he would partner with major corporations to help set up trade schools.

On investment, Vallas proposed an "independent development authority" to create a fund for spurring development.

"Why can't the city become an equity investor in some of these projects?" Vallas said. "Imagine if the city had taken a 5 percent investment in Lincoln Yards or any of the other projects across this city over the last 20 years. They'd probably be the biggest hedge fund in the country."

The candidates also talked about crime. Wilson said he would leave Chicago if it doesn't get under control. Sawyer talked about student truancy driving "far too many of these crimes" and floated intervention programs as well as the youth activist-backed "Peace Book" ordinance that calls for more investment in non-law enforcement-related solutions to violence.

Buckner said his uncle was lost to gun violence in Morgan Park in 2015. The homicide rate is too high and the clearance rate is too low, he said, arguing the city's stricter youth curfew ordinance passed last year failed the combat the issue.

Vallas said he would crack down on nepotism in Chicago police promotions, making them strictly merit-based, and get rid of the private security patrolling Chicago Transit Authority because, he contended, those guards are toothless compared to sworn officers.

While many political forums end with harsh words exchanged between contenders, the four candidates held hands and said a prayer after Wilson requested a show of faith to end the meeting.

Nine candidates are in the Feb. 28 race for mayor. If no one gets more than 50% of the vote, a runoff between the top two will be held April 4.

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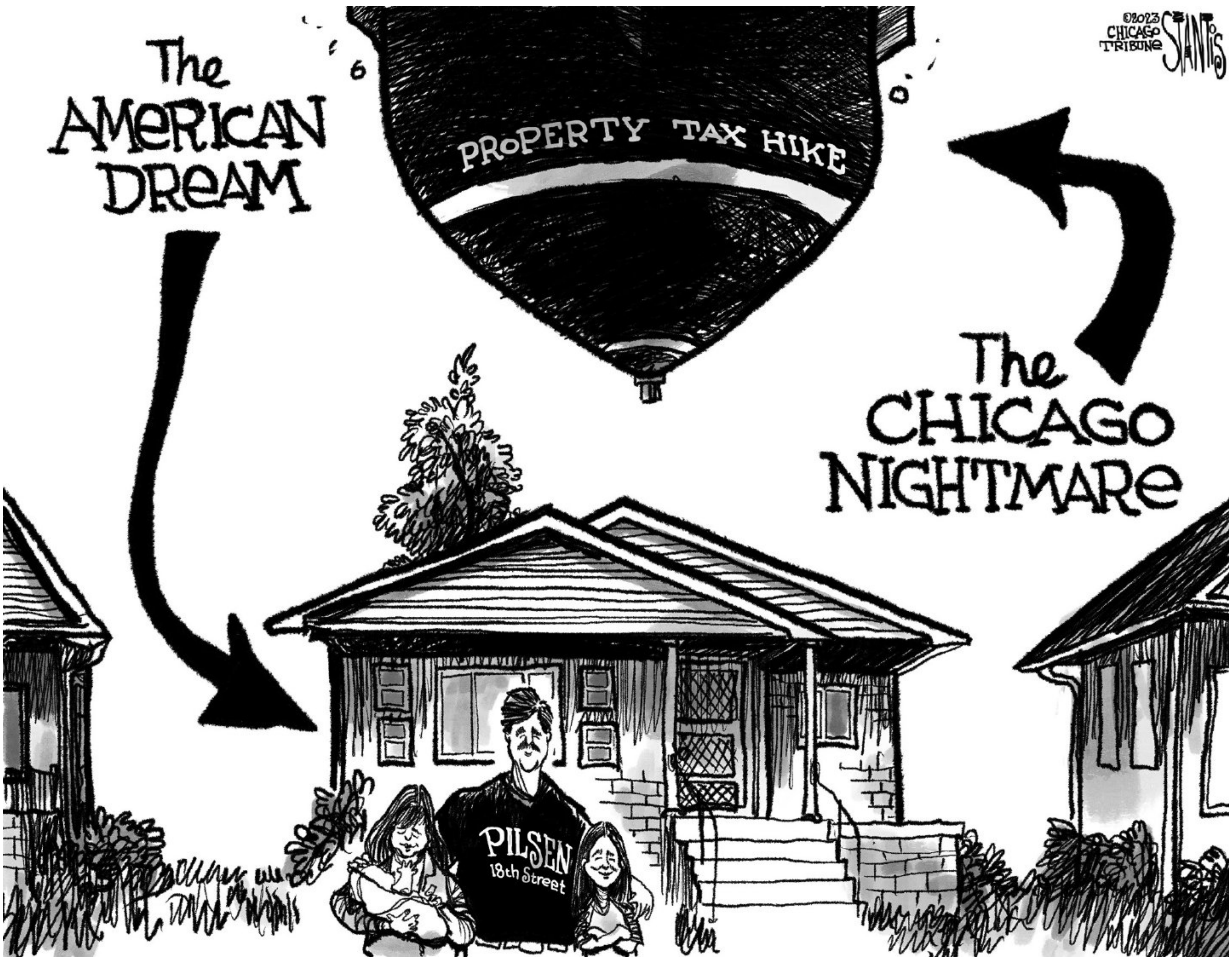

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Here's a solution to a property tax pickle in Pilsen

When their much-delayed property tax bills landed on their doorsteps last month, the good people of Pilsen got a big shock.

Bills had gone up drastically. In one widely publicized case, ideally suited to lead off sympathetic media coverage, the assessed value of one home ballooned from $400,000 to $1.2 million, and the tax amount due rose from $7,000 to $20,000. That meant some residents of the gentrifying Chicago neighborhood said they would no longer be able to afford to stay in their longtime homes.

Many made a beeline to the office of the local alderman, Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, who had little choice but to protest the situation along with a variety of other groups, including the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council.

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, dubbed as "the gentrifier in chief," was rapidly tapped as the face of the enemy. Anti-Kaegi missives were dispatched to the media.

Take the words of the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council: "Mr. Kaegi came to Benito Juarez High School and promised that his plan for tax reform would shift the burden from homeowners to downtown businesses and wealthy residents and thereby lower the tax bill for ordinary citizens. He lied."

And that was just for openers.

"Fritz Kaegi sees no problem with forcing out present residents to make room for a 'better' class of people," the release went on, "and for developers to make huge profits."

This is mostly nonsense, born of understandable frustration.

Kaegi is not to blame for gentrification. You can thank the market for that, and for the growing desirability of Pilsen property. For better or worse, Cook County voters have decided that property taxes should be based on the *present* value of property, as professionally assessed. And in a free market, or a free-ish market, the value of property goes down and up.

Property taxes in Pilsen have risen because the property there has risen in value. It's the same in some other Chicago neighborhoods, including on the lakefront to the north of the city. Conversely, many neighborhoods on the South and West sides saw the value of property, and thus property tax bills, drop.

None of this is to say that Kaegi's assessments have been flawless. We've written many times about the never-ending push and pull between the share of taxes rightfully paid by businesses and residents and the mistakes that get made when it comes to individual properties. And don't get us started about the flaws in the appeal process. But this is not what is really going on here. This is all about misplaced anger.

The verbiage behind the Pilsen protests does not question the actual rise in the value of the property there and it also fails to note that there is a major upside for Pilsen residents in their houses suddenly being worth a whole lot more than they paid for them. All you have to do is move and you could potentially unlock a bucketload of cash to fund your future American dreams.

Not so long ago, such an increase would have been cause for celebration in a Latino neighborhood. Pilsen is hardly the first locale where values have gone up. West Lakeview and swaths of Lincoln Park once were working-class neighborhoods. Now not so much, and lots of property owners used that growth to fund a move to a nice place in the suburbs or maybe to warmer climes.

The problem, of course, is that people often don't want to leave their primary residence or sell their lifelong business. Cashing out is not what they want to do and they end up being forced out of the community they love. And they rightly note that the whole reason for the rise is their own sweat equity in building these communities.

"These residents have invested in their properties often with their own labor, have created businesses, have fought for new and better schools, and have created first class agencies such as Alivio Medical Center, El Valor Corporation, The Resurrection Project, and the renowned National Museum of Mexican Art," says the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council. That's all true.

So what to do?

Most of the solutions demanded by the protesters aren't fair to the rest of the city. It does not make sense to wipe out late fees or offer installment plans for one ZIP code. Similarly, the assessor cannot suddenly reassess Pilsen just because Pilsen demands to be reassessed, downward. Any such move would be in inequitable if it was purely made in response to political pressure.

And we're opposed to the idea of the city offering loans to people who cannot pay their property tax on property that has risen exponentially in value. That begs such questions as whether such loans would be at a market interest rate. Chicago is not a bank and, let's remember, this problem has arisen because of new wealth, not new poverty. No sooner would such loans be granted than pressure would emerge for them to be forgiven, which would mean resources going to property owners, not typically the citizens in the greatest need.

But here's what we do support: an immediate cap on property tax increases on a year-over-year basis. No bill should double or triple from one year to the next because that does not reflect a change in actual value so much as a quirk in a reassessment process that does not happen every year.

It's neither reasonable nor humane. People deserve time to plan. An increase of 10% a year is more than enough, and if that means bills don't go down more than that amount, so be it. That's the best, and probably the only, way to help Pilsen's property tax problem. The arguments about the benefits and deficits of gentrification are another matter entirely. Our property tax system has to reflect financial realities.

Accurately. Fairly. Equitably.

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ABOUT FEDERAL SPENDING

It was 18 months ago that President Joe Biden uttered the famously wrong line, "There's nobody suggesting there's unchecked inflation on the way — no serious economist." Oops.

Months later, annualized inflation was running at 9.1%, a 40-year high, evoking memories of Jimmy Carter. The president had been warned by even some liberal economists but chose instead to take the magic beans and depend on the counsel of those who argued that the government can print unlimited amounts of money without consequence. Since then, inflation has slowed somewhat but remains problematic. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week that December numbers showed prices climbing by 6.5% compared with 12 months earlier. While that's down somewhat from last year's highs, consumers remain bushwhacked by high food prices, which have climbed a whopping 11.8% in the past year. For reference, the inflation rate was 1.4% when Biden entered the Oval Office.

Biden and Democrats no doubt have trillions more they would love to spend. But that will be more difficult with Republicans now running the House. In addition, a new House rule negotiated as part of the deal that elevated Kevin McCarthy to speaker will potentially sound the alarm bell about the ramifications of runaway government outlays. The new requirement, Roll Call reports, would demand that "the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation to incorporate macroeconomic effects, like changes in economic output and employment and inflationary impacts, into their official cost estimates for 'major' legislation." Such analysis by the nonpartisan budget scorekeepers employed by Congress will shine a light on how huge government spending bills can distort the economy, crippling job creators, stunting economic growth and ... yes ... even creating inflationary pressures. That, in turn, will potentially make it more challenging for Biden and the modern monetary theory adherents to hoodwink the voters about their reckless policies.

Las Vegas Review Journal Editorial Board

OPINION

President Joe Biden holds up a personalized Golden State Warriors jersey as Vice President Kamala Harris applauds on Tuesday in Washington during a visit from the 2022 NBA champions. **WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY**

President Biden's document drama: Stick to the facts, Joe

Clarence Page

Well, that was fun while it lasted.

President Joe Biden benefited mightily from the 15-ballot display of disarray by House Republicans to settle the usually routine matter of electing one of their fellow partisans to be speaker of the House.

But that was before he fell into a classified document drama of his own.

Last week Biden' tried to show with a visit to the southern border that he was serious about dealing with border security. The documents scandal flap followed him.

The same thing happened two days later when he tried to take some credit for a slowdown in inflation, one of the issues with which Republicans pounded him last year. The questions from reporters turned into a back-and-forth interrogation over the documents.

From a brutally raw political viewpoint, the nagging controversy over the documents has ended a winning streak of good news that followed the worse-than-expected performance of Republicans in November's midterm elections.

The bad news for the White House is the administration's tepid public relations performance so far, as they try to drum up some confidence that Democrats will be able to hold onto their message amid the raging storm — and hold off added turbulence that could face Biden's expected announcement soon of another presidential run.

For now, the best news for Biden is that he still apparently faces less legal exposure than former President Donald Trump. A lot less.

This much we know: When Biden's lawyers found the first secret vice presidential file in his former Washington office last fall, they cooperated swiftly with the National Archives.

That simple voluntary act may have spared him the potentially criminal exposure from the discovery that Trump potentially faces over his own document haul in his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida. Trump had to be hounded for the government documents, including classified material that was only retrieved when the FBI executed a search warrant at his home.

And more documents were found even after the former president's lawyer signed an affidavit saying everything had been located.

Some of Trump's allies gamely tried to argue that a president can declassify a document just by thinking about it. In this telling, any documents Trump brought home had been declassified just because he took them — and were therefore already in the public domain.

Political scientist Brendan Nyhan has called that dubious line of argument the "Green Lantern" theory, as if presidential power can be conjured up by merely wanting it badly enough — like the comic book hero.

But the presidency is governed by more than willpower. There are also such formalities as laws, rules and constitutional constraints, especially when you're dealing with something as sensitive as national security.

But in the world of politics, perceptions can matter as much as statutory laws. When we, the public, learned that a second batch of classified material from Biden's time as vice president had been found in a search of his Delaware home, the information was relayed to the Justice Department before Christmas.

Yet the White House failed to disclose it this week when the Biden administration spoke about the initial batch of documents found last year in an office Biden previously used at the Penn-Biden Center in Washington. That made the new disclosure look like the administration was willing to tell all to the Justice Department, but not to the American public.

Fortunately for Team Biden, the Justice Department considered having FBI agents monitor a search by Biden's lawyers for classified documents at his home, but decided against it, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday. That was partly to avoid complicating later stages of the investigation, and partly because Biden's lawyers had quickly cooperated with the first batch and were continuing to do so.

Let's hear it for transparency. The White House will have to face the familiar and unsettling hubbub of a Washington scandal, including inquisitions from reporters and the inevitable Watergate question: "What did the president know and when did he know it."

But, as much as partisans will hear what they want to hear, whether pro-Biden or not, it is crucially important that they cling transparently to the truth — and avoid the wrong perceptions.

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Loophole in council rules

Chicago's governing institutions are undoubtedly more transparent and accountable than they once were, but the work is far from finished. Consider a section of Rule 41, a procedural rule that allows senior city officials to bypass the normal process for bringing voting items before a City Council committee. It's high time we closed this loophole at the center of our city's legislative process.

Under the "direct introduction" section of Rule 41, the mayor and city departments can add a subject matter to a committee's voting agenda without providing specifics about the content of the proposal to be voted on. While the subject matter will be listed on the committee's public agenda, the actual proposal the committee is expected to vote on is not. Committee members themselves may not receive the text of the item until shortly before the meeting.

Making matters worse — the text of a Rule 41 proposal is rarely available to the public until after the committee has voted. In some instances, the full text has been made available only after the proposal has been voted on by the full City Council. It's difficult to imagine a rule more antithetical to the principles of transparency and accountability.

The City Council's process for amending its rules is actually pretty simple. A proposed amendment is submitted to the council for referral to the Rules Committee chair. The chair then determines when to have a meeting and include the item on the agenda. Upon a favorable vote in that committee, the proposal then goes before the full council for a vote. Unfortunately, simple is not the same as easy.

Last year, Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, and eight other aldermen proposed an amendment to Rule 41 that would require items submitted by the mayor and city departments directly to committees to be posted for the public to be able to see the text at least 48 hours prior to the committee meeting and submitted to all council members by that same deadline. The proposal failed to get out of committee.

A revised amendment proposal from Reilly and Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, was submitted to the Rules Committee in October. Unfortunately, it hasn't been placed on the Rules Committee's meeting agenda.

Many of the candidates in upcoming council elections have promised to fight for greater accountability and transparency in government. Adopting an amendment to Rule 41 would be a good place to start.

— Jane Ruby, president, League of Women Voters of Chicago

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Youths' civic participation

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's attempt to recruit Chicago Public Schools students to work on her political campaign presents a valuable lesson in the right way and wrong way to include young people in civic activism and the democratic process.

My fellow CPS civics teachers and I encourage students to get properly informed on civic topics by doing ample research on candidates, comparing and contrasting platform proposals that distinguish candidates, and getting involved in elections, public policy and community activism. It was a mistake for Lightfoot's team to ask CPS teachers to recruit students for volunteer work on her reelection campaign. But it would not be a mistake to provide opportunities for young people to participate in campaigns, elections and the organizing of civic activities.

With a shortage in election judges, now is a good opportunity to encourage eligible young people to serve as student judges for the city's elections. We need to advocate for more youth involvement in civics but in the right way. CPS students should be encouraged to volunteer but not in a biased way — rather, holistically and with the option of their choosing.

The Mikva Challenge organization has for years provided a healthy, fair and productive way for young people to get involved in political campaigns, volunteer in elections and engage in the democratic process. We need more collaboration and organizations like this.

Hopefully, the Lightfoot team's recruitment mistake will serve as a catalyst for having more discussions about getting youths properly involved, as well as interested and excited to give back to their communities.

— Froylan Jimenez, civics teacher, Chicago Public Schools

The extra costs of 'cashless'

News that famed Chicago eatery Portillo's was going "cashless" at drive-thrus will eventually cost us more than we think. The policy excludes those without credit and debit cards — *i.e.,* anyone without a bank account or sufficient credit — but also be on the lookout for "processing fees." I have noticed more restaurants are adding a 3% processing fee to a customer's bill, a charge that may be stated nowhere on the menu. That 3% reflects the fee the restaurant pays to the credit card company. How long before a newly "cashless" restaurant starts tacking on that 3%?

I've no doubt those businesses will cry, "Inflation!" But it is really another, often hidden, way to pass on the costs of business to customers.

Let the buyer beware!

— Bryan Cones, Chicago

Campaign ad changes vote

I am a 77-year-old left-leaning Chicago voter who, after seeing Mayor Lori Lightfoot's compelling TV ad for reelection, had every intention of giving her the nod for a second term until I viewed the negative ad the Lightfoot campaign put out in regards to candidate U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

Enough is enough. The ad is vicious and mean-spirited and cost Lightfoot my vote. On the one hand, she wants to be seen as this caring example of what's good for the city, and then she goes after a candidate with accusations that I'm sure are filled with, at best, half-truths.

As I ponder where my vote will go, I've come to the conclusion that the city doesn't need an angry, no-holds-barred individual in a leadership position of such importance in a time when healing should take center stage.

— Charles Small, Chicago

OPINION

Legalized marijuana comes at hidden costs to our youths

By Diana Fishbein, Linda Richter and Zili Sloboda

An attendee smokes cannabis during the first day of Lollapalooza in Chicago's Grant Park on July 29, 2021. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The Biden administration recently declared that no one should be in jail for using or possessing marijuana and that individuals convicted of simple possession at the federal level shall be pardoned. This ruling is consistent with the decades of scientific studies that have established the need for serious reform of marijuana policies. Clearly, our nation's approach to substance use and addiction should always be conceived of through a public health rather than criminal justice lens.

A public health approach also demands that we consider the effects of reforming marijuana laws on the health and well-being of young people and that we ensure such reform is done in a manner that fully considers the bulk of scientific evidence.

Irrespective of where the public stands regarding the decriminalization or legalization of the adult use of nonmedical marijuana, our concern is with the impacts on adolescents, as the loosening of these laws inevitably conveys to them that marijuana is not harmful. In reality, it can be harmful if used during development when it is most likely to impair mental and physical functioning, especially given the intense potency of today's marijuana.

There is little doubt that decriminalizing the use and possession of marijuana is long overdue. Decades of order maintenance policies that accompanied the drug war decimated communities through mass incarceration, significantly and unevenly affecting people of color due to persistent structural racism. Also, strict prohibition policies had sweeping effects on the availability of medical marijuana and its nonaddictive components, limiting their access for patients with pain, cancer, multiple sclerosis and other diseases who could otherwise benefit from medicalized marijuana's ameliorative properties.

In effect, prohibition of marijuana has been a costly failure, contributing to our history of mass incarceration, militarized policing, and disruption of communities and families.

While the benefits of marijuana decriminalization are clear, an increasing number of states are legalizing nonmedical marijuana for adult use and possession — quite a different matter from decriminalization — especially in the U.S., where legalization of addictive substances is invariably tantamount to their commercialization. In Illinois alone, marijuana sales reached $1.5 billion last year. And although these laws are intended to limit legal access to adults, they pose substantial risks to children and teens in the absence of appropriate safeguards.

Research showing a relationship between legalization laws and use of marijuana in adolescents has produced mixed results, with some studies reporting increases and others either not finding increased use or showing more nuanced results. Over the past three years, the pandemic certainly affected teen use and our ability to measure it, so the level of concern about the effects of these policies on adolescent use may not be accurately reflected in the available data. However, evidence of a trend toward increased use is mounting.

What is clear is the dramatic increase in young adult use. Brain science tells us development continues until the late 20s, so marijuana also has the potential to adversely influence young adults' health outcomes and risk for addiction. Additional studies of the effects of legal permissibility on risks for imminent adolescent use are finding a growing trend toward normalization of use, ease of access, and less likelihood of a belief that marijuana is harmful, despite scientific evidence that use during adolescence is detrimental to physical and mental health.

Indeed, we are already witnessing a growing national trend across all age groups reflective of broader normalization of marijuana use and a significant uptick in several serious negative consequences, such as instances of marijuana-related prenatal exposure, unintentional childhood ingestion and poisoning, mental health problems, alterations in the developing reproductive system, marijuana use disorder, car crashes and other indicators of poor life functioning.

Although these effects are particularly consequential during adolescence, most people are unaware of the many ways that wide access to marijuana products — which are now used in far more potent forms than in the past — can harm young people. In fact, the public receives a great deal of confusing, inaccurate and politically charged rhetoric from both sides of the legalization debate, especially from marijuana industry-funded interests.

As is true of tobacco and alcohol, the marijuana industry's profit-driven motives are at odds with public health. Correcting misinformation is critical to protecting our youth. Misconceptions about the risk of marijuana use among adolescents are strongly associated with its use, i.e., the more adolescents perceive that the harms are negligible, the more likely they are to partake.

The public deserves to understand how messages we hear are conflating two sets of issues: social justice with decriminalization and medical uses of marijuana with wholesale marijuana legalization. It is these messages that enable the marijuana industry to garner public support and obscure the risks of casual use.

The public deserves to be apprised of the risks to young people of believing marijuana is safe or even beneficial, as well as the negative effects of use during pregnancy on the cognitive development of the fetus and eventually the child.

A science-based public education campaign is urgently needed, in concert with the rollout of marijuana reforms, to provide accurate information regarding adverse consequences and potential benefits of the drug.

Members of the public will then be able to make informed decisions about their own use and how to protect young people from exposure, access and use. And lawmakers will be equipped to formulate legislation that conveys the least harm and most benefit to their constituents who, once informed, will be more receptive to constraints on the manufacture, marketing and sale of marijuana to protect our nation's youths.

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I want my flag back

By Bridget West

Supporters of former President Donald Trump rally outside his Mar-A-Lago residence on Nov. 15 in West Palm Beach, Florida. **GIORGIO VIERA/GETTY-AFP**

My kids and I were in a hurry to get to the lake, and I ran into a gas station looking for a hat. My only options living in the Midwest were hats saying, "Guns Save Lives" and "Make America Great Again." The only somewhat subtle hat was an all-black hat that had the American flag on it. In the aftermath of the 2020 election controversy, I hesitated because I didn't want to support the election deniers. I was desperate, so I bought it anyway.

As soon as I got into the car and passed out the Gatorade, my kids all said, "Mom you can't wear that hat! That's a Trump hat!"

Shocked and saddened, I asked them, "What makes this a Trump hat? It doesn't say his name, have his image, slogan or even reference the Republican Party."

My very liberal teenager said, "Ugh, it has the flag on it." My younger kids agreed.

They are not wrong. Since 2016, onetime President Donald Trump and his most adamant followers have appropriated and, in some cases, degraded the American flag. The flag used to represent *all* Americans — Republicans, Democrats, independents, and men and women of all faiths, races and religions.

Since the advent of Trumpism, our flag has been desecrated with Trump's face on it. An idol on the flag should alarm people more than a football player taking a knee during the national anthem.

During Trump's presidential campaign, his supporters showed their support using the biggest, most obnoxious versions of the flag. Many flags had the words "Make American Great Again" and Trump's face. They also had references and slogans to Second Amendment gun rights.

However, the giant flags that said, "I only trust and believe in Trump and Jesus," alarmed me the most. There's a lot to unpack there. First, are those really the only people a supporter trusts in life? Second, I'm pretty sure Jesus, the son of God, did not give permission for the use of his face, especially considering that kind, spiritual man would not have shared the beliefs of these adamant supporters. I can hear him from heaven shaking his head and saying, "Forgive them, God, they know not what they do."

As a spiritual person, I find those flags offensive to my beliefs about God. Trump and Jesus shouldn't make it into the same conversation, let alone be portrayed as allies on a flag.

I want my flag back. I want to associate the flag with all U.S. citizens, not just the loud Trump supporters or the Republican Party. My grandfather was a medic in World War II in a Nazi camp and was shot three times protecting our country under that flag. As was the case for many other veterans.

Freedom is not free. We collectively earned the right to hang an American flag, no matter the party. I'm still a patriot, and I love this country even though it needs work. Real change comes from within. If you hate this country, I challenge you to be a voice of change rather than complain with no plan or make a useless threat to move to Canada. (We have all done that.)

It saddens me that my children now associate the flag with a former TV show host who manipulated his way into the presidency. To be fair, all politicians are guilty of being manipulative. Trump was just exceptionally good at it.

So, I want to start a movement to take "our" flag back. I'm going to hang one in my front yard, even though I'm a Democrat. And I'm not going to take the easy way out and fly it with a gay pride, sports team or peace flag. I'm just going to fly the American flag.

I think everyone who sees the flag in a negative light because of Trump should do the same. Start a movement of sharing *our* flag. One country — maybe or maybe not under God. (We can work that part out later or let people decide privately. Freedom of religion, right?)

If anything, it will confuse Trump-loving neighbors. Maybe they will come to realize that we are all Americans, even if our beliefs differ and Fox News tells us we aren't true patriots.

The differences between us are really slim compared to what we have in common as Americans.

It's the United States of America, and every citizen deserves to fly our flag.

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ON JAN. 18 ...

In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1788 the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862 the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va.; he was 71.

In 1892 Oliver Hardy, half of the comedy team Laurel & Hardy, was born in Harlem, Ga.

In 1911 the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1912 English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

In 1936 author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England; he was 71.

In 1943 during World War II, the Soviets announced they had broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad. Also in 1943 a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the United States — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1957 a trio of B-52's completed the first nonstop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967 Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the Boston Strangler, was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life in prison, DeSalvo was killed by a fellow inmate in 1973.)

In 1970 David McKay, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died in Salt Lake City; he was 96.

In 1975 the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS.

In 1988 a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1990 a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges. Also in 1990 in an FBI sting, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested for drug possession. (He was later convicted of a misdemeanor.)

In 1993 the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 1995 the death toll continued to climb in Kobe, Japan, where a major earthquake had claimed more than 6,000 lives. Also in 1995 South African President Nelson Mandela's cabinet denied amnesty sought by 3,500 police officers in apartheid's waning days.

In 1996 Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced that 82 hostages were freed when his forces wiped out Chechen fighters in Pervomayskaya, ending a week-long standoff; however, he said 18 other hostages were missing. Also in 1996 Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

In 1998 Pope John Paul II appointed 22 new Roman Catholic cardinals, including Chicago Archbishop Francis George.

In 2000, in a blow to the Pentagon's push to develop a national missile defense by 2005, officials announced that a prototype missile interceptor had roared into space in search of a mock warhead over the Pacific, but had failed to hit it.

In 2001 civil rights leader Jesse Jackson revealed an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter.

In 2002 Sara Jane Olson, a 1970s radical-turned-suburban mother, was sentenced in Los Angeles to 20 years to life in prison for plotting to blow up a pair of police cars 27 years earlier.

In 2004 a suicide truck bombing outside the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition in Baghdad killed at least 31 people.

In 2005 the world's largest commercial jet, an Airbus A380 that can carry 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

In 2006 the Supreme Court gave New Hampshire a chance to salvage its restrictions on abortion, reaffirming that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions but also ordering a lower court to fix problems with New Hampshire's 2003 notification law.

In 2017 the Hotel Rigopiano, a four-star hotel at the foot of the Gran Sasso mountain about 85 miles northeast of Rome, was buried in snow after a series of earthquakes; almost a week later 11 survivors had been rescued. (29 people were killed.)

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Anderson, Kirk David

Kirk David Anderson, 69, of West Dundee, passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2022. He was born June 21, 1953 in Chicago. Kirk is survived by his children, Ian (Jessica) and Laura Anderson; his siblings Robin (Tom) Mahaffey, Christina (David Larew) Anderson and Glen (Suyapa) Anderson; nieces and nephews, Siri (Jacob) Eisen, Tyler and Max Mahaffey, Sandy (Rob) Harmon, and Peter and Matthew Anderson; and great-nieces and nephew, Ezra, Adelise, Zulema, Xiomara, and Alejandro; cousins James Beebe, Jeff Beebe and Andrew Trushinski. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Donalda Anderson; his brother, Paul Malcolm Anderson; stepfather, Ted Koerner; cousin Holly Beebe; and second cousin Kaitlyn Beebe. Kirk attended Countryside School in Barrington Hills and Barrington High School. He earned a BA degree in Broadcast Communications from Columbia College, in Chicago. He shared his skills thereafter, while teaching as a Writing Instructor. His fortitude evolved professionally, reaching global audiences and awarded achievement. He channeled his presence among network airwaves and radio frequencies, including ABC-TV, NBC-TV, PBS, and WBBM, among few. He additionally grounded his local presence, with community organizations and efforts, attributing to major impacts in education, political influence and positive reformations. Kirk had an unforgettable way with words and profound gift of storytelling. To be continued… in our hearts and loving memories, his life, beyond writings, once upon a time. Please view full obituary at https://www.davenportfamily.com/obituary/Kirk-Anderson. Memorial visitation will be Sat., Jan. 28, 2023 from 10 AM until the Celebration of Life service at 12 Noon at **Davenport Family Funeral Home** and Crematory, 149 W. Main Street (Lake-Cook Rd) Barrington, IL 60010. Inurnment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Humane Society or The Anti-Cruelty Society. For full obituary and online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com. For information, please contact **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Barrington, 847-381-3411.

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Bogart, Alice ''Lisl"

Alice "Lisl" Bogart nee Winternitz, 96, beloved wife of the late Henry for 71 years; loving mother of Jean (Dr. David) Chernicoff and Jessie (Steven) Pearl; cherished grandmother "Omi" of William (Bruna) Chernicoff, Jacki Chernicoff (Mark Woodger), Joshua (Julie) Pearl, Daniel (Shana) Pearl and Melissa (Nick) Morina; adored great grandmother of 10; treasured friend of many. As a Holocaust survivor Lisl made her life's work teaching the lessons of hatred and prejudice to future generations. She was integrally involved in getting The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (In Skokie) established and getting Holocaust Education mandated in both Florida and Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, www.hdec.org or the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, www.ushmm.org. Chapel service, Thursday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information, including a link to view the service, shiva or to leave condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, www.shalommemorial.org or (847)255-3520.

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Brookstone, Adrienne Lee

Adrienne Lee Brookstone nee Haft. Beloved wife of Arnold Brookstone. Loving mother of Susan (Bill) Mirbach and the late Gordie Brookstone. Proud grandmother of Marissa Mirbach and Kenlyn Mirbach. Dear sister of the late Howard (the late Judith) Haft and sister in law of Joan (the late Mickey) Blum. Cherished aunt of Sharon Haft, Edward (Gail) Haft, Roberta (Bill) Stein and Amiee (Pat) Burke. Graveside service Wednesday 1PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Cangelosi, Mildred Mary

Mildred Mary Cangelosi beloved wife of the late Buddy.Loving mother of Pamela (Jack) Campolo, John (Geri Ann) Cangelosi & Frank Cangelosi.Grandmother of Michelle (Bernie) Vazquez, John (Heather) Campolo, Dana (Paul) Dagostino, Frank (Doris) Cangelosi, John (Anna) Cangelosi & Geno Cangelosi. Great grandmother of many. Fond sister of the late Grace (the late John) Smania & the late Frank Covello.
At Mildred's request all services will be private.
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Christiaens, Clara A.

Clara A. Christiaens, née Bonami, of Downers Grove, IL, passed away at home peacefully on Sunday, January 15, 2023. She was born on February 9, 1932, in Bruges, Belgium, to Henri Bonami and Marguerite Baert. On August 4, 1956, she married the love of her life, the late Jacques "Jack" Christiaens. In 1957, Jacques and Clara emigrated to Chicago, Illinois, from Belgium.
Clara was the loving mother of Carine (Marty) Acks, Marlene (Phil) Herbert, and Diane (Tim) Dorr; dear grandmother of Brian (Kate) Acks, Kelsey (Alex) Kotsakis, Chris Herbert, Jonathan Herbert, and Justin (fiancée, Amanda) Dorr; great-grandmother of Duncan and Maeve; oldest of ten siblings; fond aunt and friend to many.
Visitation Saturday, January 21st, 9:30 a.m. until time of Prayers, 10:30 a.m. at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 Blk. So. of Ogden Ave.), Downers Grove to St. Mary of Gostyn Church. Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. Private Family Interment Holy Family Cemetery, Downers Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090 or www.alz.org/donate, appreciated. Information: 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.

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De Leonardis, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen De Leonardis, 89, passed away on January 15, 2023, after a brief illness. Loving wife to the late Nicholas, beloved mother of Valerie (Mark), Nicolette (Gerhard), Regina (Gustav), John Paul, and the late Deborah. She leaves behind eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, siblings, many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation Thursday, January 19, 3pm-8pm. **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Funeral Mass, Friday, January 20, 10:00AM, St. Mary of the Woods Church, 6955 N Hiawatha Ave, Chicago, IL 60646. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Bell Association, americanbell.org. Information 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Gallagher, Susan C.

passed away peacefully on January 13 in her Boston home, surrounded by family and friends.

Susan was born in Philadelphia on December 29, 1944 to William Anthony Gallagher, Sr., and Josephine Mary (Cunningham) Gallagher. A graduate of Villanova University and Lake Forest College, where she received her M.S. and M.B.A., Susan was a pioneering professional who worked to create opportunities for others. By age 26, she was working at General Electric completing complex calculations on a mainframe computer. In 1969, she co-founded Project Management Institute, a non-profit international professional society.

Susan lived in Chicago from 1970 through 1989 when she worked as a Director of Medical Operations at G.D. Searle & Co.

Of Susan's many accomplishments, the one she was most proud of was her son, Sean. She loved seeing Sean graduate from Tufts University School of Medicine and become an Anesthesiologist at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. One of her happiest moments was dancing with Sean at his wedding.

Susan is survived by her son Sean and his wife, Erin Bruynell Gallagher, of Boston, MA; her sisters, Barbara "Barb" Eastburn, of Sharon Hill, PA, and Virginia "Ginny" Morrow, of Prospect Park, PA; her brother William "Bill" Gallagher, Jr. of Seaford, DE; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Flowers may be sent to J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel in Boston and donations may be sent to Bridging.org and Humanesociety.org. For online condolences, please visit: www.watermanboston.com.

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Gershon, Adrienne

Adrienne Gershon, 72, adored daughter of the late Jacob and Julia Gershon; beloved sister of Sheldon Gershon; much loved cousin of Helaine Madio and Sheila Kaufman; dear friend of Anne Hartmann. Donations in Adrienne's honor may be made to a charity of your choice. Chapel service Thursday, January 19, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment following at Shalom Memorial Park. For additional information, and a link to view the service online, visit **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, www.shalommemorial.org, 847-255-3520.

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Lawler, Courtenay E.

Courtenay Elizabeth Lawler, 45, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away on January 13, 2023. Born on October 30, 1977, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, Courtenay was one of five siblings who grew up close despite the distance in their ages. Her father was adored by family and friends, and Courtenay looked up to him with great love and respect. Courtenay graduated from Mother McAuley High School in 1995, after which she attended the University of Iowa. Reading was Courtenay's great escape; she always had a stack of books nearby. After briefly studying medicine, Courtenay left school early to become a mother and devoted herself to raising Ashleigh and Andrew Hughes. Courtenay put people at ease. She was quick to laugh and make others laugh; she could be the life of the party and a wise-cracking conversationalist. Once you were a friend of Courtenay's, you knew she had your back. She wanted the best for her loved ones and supported them with strength and conviction. While Courtenay dealt with many personal battles in her too-short life, she loved her family fiercely, took pride in being a Lawler, and the light of her life will live on with all who knew her, especially in her beautiful children of whom she was the proudest. She would want loved ones to remember the embrace of good times and the enduring memories of love, joy, and laughter together. Courtenay is predeceased by her father, Dr. Thomas Lawler. She is survived by her mother, Petra Lawler; daughter, Ashleigh Hughes; son, Andrew Hughes; siblings, Todd (Mignon) Fulton, Missy (Wendy Cordier) Lawler, Kim (Gary Fullett) Fulton, and Tom (Dawn) Lawler. Visitation will be from 3-8 PM on Friday, January 20, at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 West 103rd, Oak Lawn. Funeral Service will begin at 10 AM on Saturday, January 21, also at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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Leahy, Louise D.

Louise D Leahy. Beloved wife of the late James J Leahy. Loving mother of Dennis (Patricia) Leahy and Ronald (Cathy) Leahy. Dearest grandma of Gina Leahy, Lori Leahy, Mark Leahy, Christie (Eric) Baron, Jessica (Kevin) McCabe, and Cody Leahy. Cherished great-grandma of Landon Leahy, Hannah Baron, Ronny Baron, Benny Baron, and Rylee McCabe. Fond sister of Norma Banaszewski, Camille Bariacca, the late Elizabeth, the late Eva, the late Theresa, the late John, the late Pasquale, the late Yola, the late Ann, the late Gloria, and the late Anthony. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 3-9pm at Hann Funeral Home, 8230 S Harlem Ave, Bridgeview, IL. Funeral Friday, 8:45am from the funeral home to St Symphorosa Catholic Church (Two Holy Martyrs Church) for 9:30am Mass of Christian Burial. Interment following at Mt Carmel Catholic Cemetery.

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Lee, Gerald A. 'Jerry'

Gerald A. "Jerry" Lee, age 89, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband for 60 years to Carol, nee Dakuras. Loving father of Sandra (Thomas) Spencer. Cherished grandfather of Derek Albert Spencer and Victoria Ann Spencer. Dear brother of the late Richard H. Lee and Raymond A. Lee. Dearest uncle of several nieces and nephews. Union representative for 30 years for the Service Employees International Union Local 73. Member of the Sons of the American Revolution and member of American Legion Post #1993 in Worth, IL. Visitation Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 3-8 p.m. with a Service at 6:30 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Leslie, Jean Marie

Jean Marie Leslie, (nee Beland), 97, late of Chicago, beloved wife of the late Walter "Buck" Leslie, Sgt. U.S. Army, daughter of the late Louis Austin Beland and the late Margaret (nee Torpy). Loving best mother ever of Thomas "Tim" (the late Susan) Leslie, Mary (Jim) Finn, Margie (Dan) O'Connell, Richard "Dick" Leslie, William (Marianne Rowan) Leslie, and Joan (Tibaldo) Alvarez. Beloved sister of the late Dick (the late Lorraine) Beland and the late Walter (the late Aurelia) Beland. Fond sister-in-law of the late Mary Dorothy (the late Jack) Harper, the late Jean (the late John) Brody, the late Bette (the late Tom) Campbell, the late Margie Leslie, and the late Joe (the late Noreen) Leslie. Beloved Grammie of Morgan and Matt Leslie, Megan (Anthony) Radon, Susan (Drew) Seydel and Jenna (Brendan) Maher, Danny (Mary Kay) O'Connell, Eileen (Ron) Swanner, Carrie (Binh) Pham and Tim (Molly) O'Connell, Andrew Harrigan, Tara Leslie, Marieclaire Leslie, and Griffin Leslie, Tommy Alvarez, Joe Alvarez, Kate Alvarez and Emmy Alvarez. Beloved Great-Grammie of Mary, Grace, and Sara Radon, Jimmy, and Emma Seydel, Brendan, Connor and Johnny Maher, Jack, Megan Brendan, Timmy and Charlie O'Connell, Marty, Katie, and Kevin O'Connell, and Brianna, and Cade Pham.

Jean was the smartest girl in the St. Thomas Aquinas High School class of 1943, an excellent cook, baker, seamstress, champion bowler, and a crossword savant. Jean served her country honorably during WW II as the civilian executive secretary to the highest-ranking US Army office in Chicago and post-war with the Army's Redistribution and Divestiture program. She started dating her beloved Buck (Mt. Carmel '43) at age 16, waited for him to return from the Pacific Theatre, married him at St. Laurence Church on April 17, 1948, and built a beautiful life with him. She was loved by all her relatives, friends, and neighbors, especially the "Hamiltonians."

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago. From 10:00 am until time of Mass 12:00 noon. Interment will be Private at Abraham Lincoln Natl. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Barnabas School, 10121 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, 60643. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**, 10525 S. Western Ave., Chicago. For info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Levin, Norman

Norman Levin, 87, beloved husband of the late Lydia nee Goldblatt; loving father of Geoff Levin and Steven (Lena) Levin; proud grandpa of Kyle, Caylen, Joshua, Jeremy and Jacob; devoted son of the late Ora and Gabriel Levin; dear brother of Lillian (the late Sonny) Kirshenbaum and the late Jeanette (the late Calvin) Bell; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Norman was in the Chicago Public League Basketball Hall of Fame. He was one of the founders and president of the GVS, Great Vest Side Club, and was very proud that their club donated many ambulances to Israel. Norman's greatest joy was his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dancing While Cancering, P.O. Box 565, Glencoe, IL 60022 and at www.dancingwhilecancering.org. Chapel service Thursday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For the link to view the service virtually, shiva information and to leave condolences, www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520.

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Magiera, Stanley Eugene

Stanley Eugene Magiera, born in Chicago on Aug. 11, 1938, passed away on Jan. 12, 2023 in Fort Myers, FL, where he had resided since 2009, coming from Lake Forest, IL. Stan was a cherished husband, father, and friend, who loved music, golf, the Chicago Cubs, dancing, service, and spending time with his family. He spent his career in the savings & loan industry, retiring as CFO of Cragin Federal Bank in 1994.

Stan is survived by his daughter, Alex Magiera; son Chris (Brittany) Magiera and granddaughter Eliza; companion, Marea Tully; sister Mary Ann (Rich) Kane; sister-in-law Mary (David) Stelmach-Hayes; and nieces Kim (Marty) Walker, Natalie, & Lauren Hayes. In addition to his parents, Stan was preceded by his beloved wife of 39 years, Liz Magiera.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 23 at 1pm at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community (Fort Myers, FL).

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Muentzer, Ralph

Ralph Muentzer, 82, Beloved husband for 49 years of the late Patricia, nee Kennedy; Devoted father of Colleen (Robert) Downes, Timothy Muentzer, and Kathleen (William) McFadden; Proud Grandfather of Ryan Muentzer, Liam, Matthew, and Claire McFadden; Loving brother of Paul (Elizabeth) Muentzer and the late Marlene Muentzer; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 to Our Lady at St. Germaine Church, 98th Street & Kolin Ave., Oak Lawn. Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Past-President of John Marshall Law School Alumni Association. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation, www.parkinson.org will be appreciated. For Funeral Info.: (708) 422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Porter, Edward A.

Edward A. Porter age 76 of Chicago, IL US Army Vietnam Combat Veteran 2 time Purple Heart Recipient and Retired Chicago Fire Department Battalion Chief, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Beloved husband of 45 years to the late Elizabeth Anne Porter (nee Molloy); devoted son to the late George "Babe" and Frances "Sis" Porter; loving father of Matthew (Elizabeth) Porter, Joseph Porter and Molly (Kevin) Nee; cherished grandfather of Scarlett, James, Anastasia, Daisy and Henry; dear brother of Thomas Porter and George (Caryn) Porter and brother in law of John (Janette) Molloy and Robert (Constance) Molloy; fond uncle and friend to many. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 18th 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, January 19th prayers from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** at 10:15 a.m. to Queen of Martyrs Church, 10233 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park, IL at 11:00 a.m. Interment Private.

Richman, Ann

Ann Richman nee Shmugar, age 82. Beloved wife of the late Burton Richman. Loving mother of Robin Richman, Marla Richman, and Aviva (Bram Duchovnay) Richman. Proud and loving grandmother of Ayden Duchovnay and Maerav Duchovnay. Dear sister of the late Norma Schlager and sister in law of Elaine (the late Earl) Guberman. She cared deeply for her family including her nieces, nephews and extended cousins. Ann was known for her warmth and was always there to help others. She had a loving community of friends and was dedicated to Jewish women's causes through her work with Pioneer Women/Naamat. Compassionate educator and biofeedback practitioner, she helped thousands of kids throughout the Chicago area Service Thursday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Waldheim Jewish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Go Fund Me set up for Marla's care at https://www.gofundme.com/f/burt-richman To attend the funeral live stream and shiva information, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Rosenberger, Betty

Betty Rosenberger (nee Schlosser), age 86, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1987, formerly of Matteson, IL, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at Edward Hospital in Naperville. She was born February 5, 1936, in Chicago, IL.

Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, Naperville, IL.

For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Rott, Madeline A. 'Nett'

Madeline A. "Nett" Rott (nee Bolin), age 88, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL. She was born September 1, 1934, in Clinton, KY.

Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Schillace, Frank

Frank aka Francis Schillace, age 75, husband of 54 years to Judith A.(Sherwood). Father of John J. and grandfather of Katelyn M. Father of Frank J. and Kim Kleinsorge, grandfather of Lydia (8) and Elio (3). Graduated John Carroll '69, NIU MBA '72. Frank was a family man, from Indian Guide Leader to coaching for his boys. He loved to hunt and fish and the two week family vacation to the Trees Resort annually. He retired at 57 to spend time with family and friends. He also spent as much time as he could with Judy at their lake house on Lake Marie in Antioch at the sandbar bar. Visitation Friday from 3 to 9 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral prayers Saturday 9:15 AM to St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, IL. Funeral information, video tribute or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Sherman, Sidney

Sidney "Sid" Sherman, Chicagoland Automotive Dealer for 40+ years, passed away at the age of 86.

Sid was a self-made man who started in the car business as a "mechanic" and gradually worked his way up through the rankings and purchased his first dealership, Elmhurst AMC/Jeep on Grand Ave in the mid 70's. He went on to open Lombard Lincoln-Mercury, Montgomery Lincoln-Mercury and his pride and joy; Schaumburg Jeep, where he continued to build his family legacy with his daughter and son. He later went on to partner with his children in Sherman Dodge and Schaumburg Kia. He was a hard driven man who demanded the best of his many employees over the years. He always instilled in his employees that whatever knowledge he could give them; he hoped would be used to improve their own lives. He pushed everyone to be the best they could be.

Sid was a die-hard Cubs and Bears fan. He loved to golf with his best friends, Vito and Willis, and his son and son-in-law.

He leaves behind his loving wife Avis (nee Greenberg) Sherman; loving daughter Yvonne (Chris) Capparelli and son Gregg (Lisa) Sherman; loving grandchildren Samantha, Grant, Nicholas, Francesca, Gino, and Marissa; siblings Gail (Tom) Jones; great grandchildren Riley and Brantley; and nephews Michael and Jeffrey, and niece Kelly.

Memorial Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Palm Court Restaurant, 1912 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

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Simios, William 'Bill'

On Tuesday January 17th, William (Bill) Simios, a beloved husband, passed away at age 88. Bill is survived by his lovely wife of 62 years, Sophia, and his sons Logan (Laura) Simios and John (Kimberly) Simios and grandchildren Rachel (Sam) Schuette, Erica Simios, Jenna Simios, Dylan Simios and Connor Simios.

Bill was born to the late Logan and Stamatina Simios. Loving brother of the late Nicholas (Dimitra) Simios, George (Stella) Simios and Frances (Dr. Anthony) Pagedas; sister-in-law Penelope (late Robert) Egerter; and many nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held on Thursday January 19th at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect from 4-8pm. A viewing will be Friday January 20th at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester at 9:30am with a funeral service to follow at 10:00 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 Wolf Road, Westchester, IL. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Stern, Anne E.

Anne E. Stern nee Wilson, 83, beloved wife of the late Morton Stern; loving mother of David (Kellie) Stern and Elizabeth "Mimi" (Tom) Frale; cherished Gramma of Sarah Stern (Nick Thomka, fiancé), Hannah Stern (Lucas Callahan, fiancé), Brandon Frale, Michael Frale and Mark Frale; cherished Great Gramma of Ryland; devoted daughter of the late Sarah and Thomas Wilson; dear sister of Claire (Steven) Tabor; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend of many. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter, www.orphansofthestorm.org. Memorial Service Friday 10:00 AM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For the link to view the service and to leave condolences: Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, www.shalommemorial.org or (847) 255-3520.

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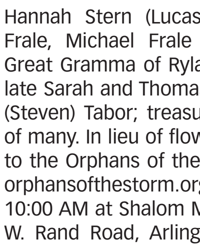
Von Hatten, Richard L.



Richard L. Von Hatten, 73, died Friday, January 6, 2023 at home in Davenport, FL, surrounded by his wife, family, and friends.

Preceded in death by his mother and father, the son of Richard J. Von Hatten and Eileen Dehnicke Von Hatten was born on August 16, 1949, in Elmhurst, Illinois. Richard L. Von Hatten served honorably as an Army helicopter pilot and Warrant Officer in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne. He returned to Bensenville, Illinois, his hometown, after the war and was married on February 22, 1975, to L. Michelle Stokes, daughter of Oliver Stokes and Jonelle Jackson Stokes in Chicago, Illinois. On that date, an almost 48-year love affair began, and they started their lives of adventure together. Richard is survived by his wife Michelle; daughter, Jonelle (Sean) Bailey, and son, Tarl (Emily Philips) Von Hatten, five grandchildren, Joshua and Olivia Bailey, Jameson and Zygfryd Von Hatten, and Johanna Phillips. Several family members and loved ones near and far, including his Sister, Karen Jablecki; his cousins, Diana (David) Znavor and Donna (Darren) Eskridge; brother-in-law, David Stokes, sister-in-law Dannyae Cozzens; nephews, John (Andreia), Stephen (Jennifer), Bill Cozzens, Brian, and Patrick Schoop; loved ones, Shane (Lisa) Hornbeck, Alan Harter, and Zyg (Megan) Cholewa.

Visitation will be 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday January 21, 2023 at Yurs Funeral Home, 405 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation from 5:00 to 5:30 P.M. at the funeral home.

Donations can be made to the American Warrior Initiative at Donate – American Warrior Initiative, with a notation of "Donation made in honor and memory of Richard Von Hatten".

To leave an online condolence or remembrance to the family, visit the funeral home's obituary page at www funeralhomes.com. Please call Yurs Funeral Home of St. Charles, IL, for more information. 630-584-0060.

Yurs
FUNERAL HOMES

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Weinstein, Daniel S.

Daniel S. Weinstein. Beloved husband of Rachel, nee Heiligman. Loving father of Ari and Joshua. Adored son of Gail Gordon and Sheldon Weinstein. Cherished brother of Mindy Weinstein, the late Jonathan Weinstein. Daniel earned his masters of education from DePaul University and was a middle school math teacher for Chicago Public Schools for over two decades. He was beloved by his students and faculty for not only his gifted teaching skills but for his warmth, genuineness and tremendous sense of humor. He was a devoted father and a caring, loving husband, son, brother and friend to many. He also had a passion for sports and enjoyed playing competitive tennis, running and swimming. He was full of life and taken way too soon. He will be forever missed. Service Thursday 12 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Camp Ramah in Wisconsin for camper scholarships, https://ramahwisconsin.com/donate/. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie, info 847.229.8822, cjfinfo .com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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White, Barbara

Barbara White (nee Nee) Beloved wife of late Bernard; loving mother of John Blits (Mary Holton) and Timothy (Jennifer); beloved grandmother of Megan, Nicholas, and Kaitlyn Blits, Rylie and Dylan White; loving sister of the late Mary (Joe) Trybula, the late Noreen (Mel) Baker, the late Katy (Bill) Laxner, the late Johnnie (Toni) Nee, and the late Patrick Nee; daughter of the late McDara and Catherine (nee Canavan); fond aunt of many nieces and nephews

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Midtown Funeral Home located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. Funeral Thursday, 10:00 a.m. service at Midtown Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Garrido Stray Rescue Foundation. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home**. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Wilson, Billie Adron 'Billy'

Bill A. Wilson, age 91, of Richmond, KY went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on January 1, 2023.

Bill was born in Highsplint, KY and worked briefly as a coal miner. In 1953, he moved to Detroit, MI and entered an apprenticeship carpenter program, working his way up to Assistant Superintendent of Construction. He moved to Chicago, IL in 1960 where he supervised high rise projects such as the Essex Inn and the Apparel Center. He was most proud of his work as Project Superintendent on Lake Point Tower and the expansion of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. In 1980 he opened his own construction firm, B. Wilson, Ltd.

Bill is survived by his wife of 37 years, Diane (nee Chervenka), and children, Diana (Don) Wynn, Brilla Adams, Carol Neely, Billie (Don) Crotty, Betty (Joe) Amore and Jerry Wilson; siblings Jack (Ollie) Wilson and Barbara (Ted) Gibbs; ten grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and a great-great granddaughter.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Lucy Wilson (nee Troutman), his wife and mother of their six children Margret Helen Wilson (nee Winstead) and siblings Fred (Jane) Wilson, Jana (Dan) McAvoy and Damon (Karen) Wilson.

Services were held.

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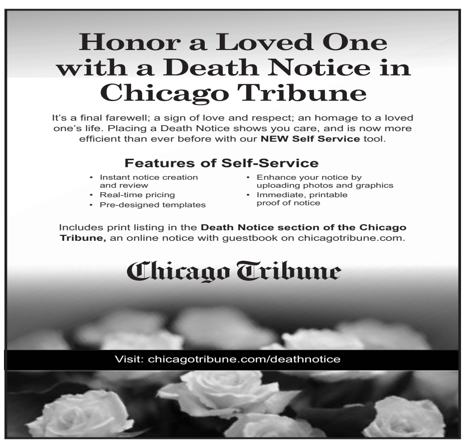

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook C**ounty** Fi**le No. Y22010001** on the D**ate: December 28, 2022**
Under the Assumed Name of: **NEW PILSEN CLUTCH & AUTO PARTS**
with the business located at:
2005 W CERMACK RD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60608
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **TIVERIO LOPEZ**
6606 S JUSTINE ST
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60636

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook C**ounty** Fi**le No. Y23010028** on the D**ate: January 9, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Skullkrane**
with the business located at:
636 S Northwest Hwy
Barrington, IL, 60010
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Franco Roberto Grisi**
8147 W Berwyn Ave
Chicago, IL, 60656

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER BID FOR KITCHEN SUPPLIES BID NO.: 2250-09090

Bid Document:
The Bid document is available for download at: https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities

Contact:
If you have questions or technical issues accessing or submitting your bid, please reach out to Bonfire at: support@gobonfire.com or 1 (800) 354 8010 Extension #2

Bid Questions:
Questions can be submitted in writing via Bonfire until 10:00 AM Chicago-Local Time, February 1, 2023

Bid Due Date, Time, and Location:
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM Chicago–Local Time All Bids must be submitted electronically and uploaded to https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities following the instructions set forth in the Bid Solicitation document

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer
Late Proposals Will Not Be Accepted
January 18, 2023 - 7361438

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority through Electronic Submission to the Bid Office's E-Procurement Platform no later than 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to the link below:
https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities
Req No.: B22OP01595,
Invitation for Bids (IFB) to Provide repair parts, service, and maintenance to various portable and stationary emergency generators at various locations for a period of up to thirty-six (36) months from date of contract execution.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
Questions regarding this Bid must be submitted via Bonfire no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) Monday, January 30, 2023. Questions will not be accepted after this date and time. For additional information, please contact Greg Medrano, Procurement Administrator, gmedrano@transitchicago.com.
Any contract resulting from this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all Insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.
Chicago Transit Authority hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
PLEASE NOTE: The right is reserved to accept any bid or any part or parts thereof or to reject any and all bids.
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
January 18, 2023
1/18/2023 7361947

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Associate Civil Engineer
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: January 6, 2023 through January 20, 2023. **Examination Date:** February 11, 2023. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Associate Civil Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs ordinary civil engineering work in connection with design, construction, inspection and scheduling review, operation and maintenance of water reclamation plants and sewers, surveys, specifications and estimates, inspection of materials and workmanship, project and cost control and complex engineering computations; may supervise subordinate engineers and sub-professional personnel.
Salary: $88,148.32 per year

Applications can be submitted online only at www.districtjobs.org.

Additional information may be found at www.districtjobs.org or call 312-751-5100.

Mailed, Emailed, Hand delivered or Faxed Applications Will Not Be Accepted.
Resumes Will Not Be Accepted In Place of Application Forms.
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Pub: 1/6 thru 1/20/2023 7359967

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT - JANUARY 18, 2023
CPS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES
DUE: February 3, 2023 AT 12:00/p.m.
See: www.cps.edu/procurement
1/18/23 7361708

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NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Notice for Request for Proposals, up to 11:00 A.M. (Chicago time), on the proposal due date.

CONTRACT 22-RFP-25
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS STUDY

Estimated Cost: $90,000.00 Bid Deposit: NONE
Bid Opening: February 17, 2023

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The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrd.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business ➡ Procurement and Materials Management ➡ Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at www.mwrd.org (Doing Business ➡ Procurement & Materials Management ➡ Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following email: contractdesk@mwrd.org or call 312-751-6643.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et.seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
January 18, 2023

CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER

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AccuWeather
TEAM

Meteorologists Phil Schwarz, Cheryl Scott, Tracy Butler, Larry Mowry and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Cloudy skies persist. Expect rain to develop by the evening. There may be a slushy mix of snow and rain across southern Wisconsin.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High: 40 Low: 36	High: 44 Low: 29	High: 35 Low: 27	High: 33 Low: 30	High: 36 Low: 27	High: 35 Low: 29
Cloudy	Rain and snow showers; breezy in the p.m.	Low clouds may break; colder	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun	A chance for snow; breezy in the afternoon	Cloudy
POP: 25%	POP: 90%	POP: 25%	POP: 20%	POP: 35%	POP: 5%
Winds: NE 6-12 mph	Winds: WSW 8-16 mph	Winds: WNW 8-16 mph	Winds: SW 7-14 mph	Winds: NW 8-16 mph	Winds: SSE 7-14 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Wednesday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	33	36	37	34	30	25	25

Wednesday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	3	4	4	3	3	2	0
Fishing Index	0	2	2	0	0	0	0

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes: 0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Tuesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	49
Low	38
Normal high	31
Normal low	18
Record high	60 (1894)
Record low	-23 (1982)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Tuesday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	46	37	30	14
Gary	49	39	33	19
Kankakee	48	38	32	16
Lansing	47	38	32	17
Midway	50	39	32	19
Romeoville	46	37	31	16
Valparaiso	52	38	34	18
Waukegan	49	38	31	16

Tuesday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Tuesday*	Trace	Trace	0.06"
Month to date	1.50"	0.36"	1.15"
Year to date	1.50"	0.36"	1.15"
Snowfall			
Tuesday*	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"
Month to date	0.4"	4.7"	5.7"
Season to date	4.7"	6.6"	15.3"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Tuesday

Air Quality Index

Tuesday's reading
Moderate
Wednesday's forecast
Moderate
Primary pollutant **Particulates**
Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

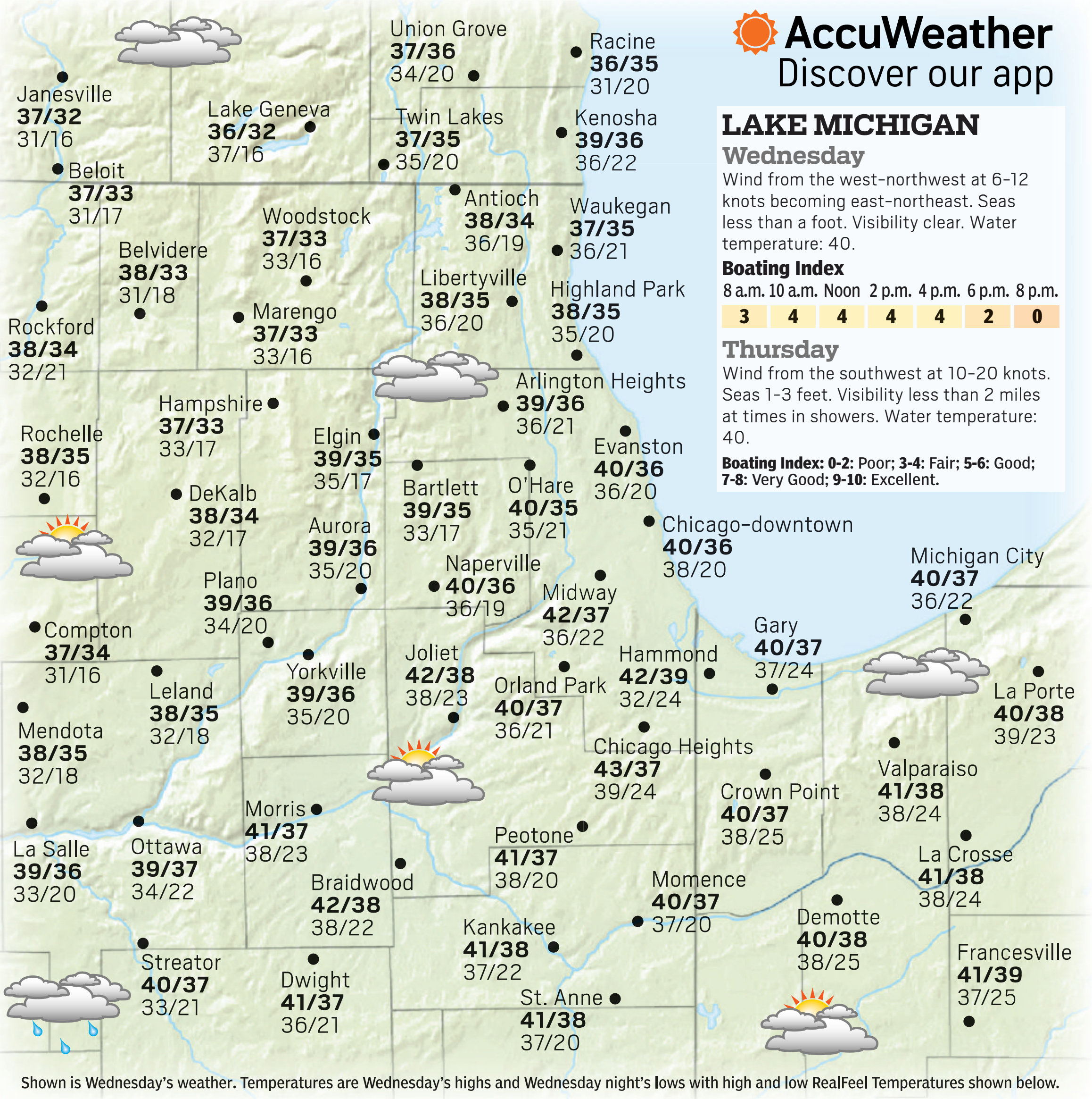
	Wed.	Thu.
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	4:48 p.m.	4:49 p.m.
Moonrise	4:08 a.m.	5:24 a.m.
Moonset	1:11 p.m.	2:06 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 5	Feb 13

Wednesday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:48 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Venus	8:27 a.m.	6:31 p.m.
Mars	12:46 p.m.	4:06 a.m.
Jupiter	10:09 a.m.	10:18 p.m.
Saturn	8:38 a.m.	6:56 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:05 p.m. Mars: 6:05 p.m. Jupiter: 6:05 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 p.m. Mercury: 6:45 a.m.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Racine 36/35 31/20
Janesville 37/32 31/16
Lake Geneva 36/32 37/16
Twin Lakes 37/35 35/20
Kenosha 39/36 36/22
Beloit 37/33 31/17
Woodstock 37/33 33/16
Antioch 38/34 36/19
Waukegan 37/35 36/21
Belvidere 38/33 31/18
Libertyville 38/35 36/20
Highland Park 38/35 35/20
Rockford 38/34 32/21
Marengo 37/33 33/16
Arlington Heights 39/36 36/21
Hampshire 37/33 33/17
Rochelle 38/35 32/16
Elgin 39/35 35/17
Evanston 40/36 36/20
Bartlett 39/35 33/17
O'Hare 40/35 35/21
DeKalb 38/34 32/17
Aurora 39/36 35/20
Chicago-downtown 40/36 38/20
Naperville 40/36 36/19
Michigan City 40/37 36/22
Plano 39/36 34/20
Midway 42/37 36/22
Compton 37/34 31/16
Gary 40/37 37/24
Joliet 42/38 38/23
Hammond 42/39 32/24
Yorkville 39/36 35/20
Leland 38/35 32/18
Orland Park 40/37 36/21
La Porte 40/38 39/23
Mendota 38/35 32/18
Chicago Heights 43/37 39/24
Valparaiso 41/38 38/24
Crown Point 40/37 38/25
Morris 41/37 38/23
La Salle 39/36 33/20
Ottawa 39/37 34/22
Peotone 41/37 38/20
La Crosse 41/38 38/24
Braidwood 42/38 38/22
Momence 40/37 37/20
Demotte 40/38 38/25
Kankakee 41/38 37/22
Francesville 41/39 37/25
Streator 40/37 33/21
Dwight 41/37 36/21
St. Anne 41/38 37/20

Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Wednesday

Wind from the west-northwest at 6-12 knots becoming east-northeast. Seas less than a foot. Visibility clear. Water temperature: 40.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
3	4	4	4	4	2	0

Thursday

Wind from the southwest at 10-20 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility less than 2 miles at times in showers. Water temperature: 40.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

ASK abc7

Tracy Butler

QUESTION: As if the short winter days aren't bad enough, this winter strikes me as abnormally cloudy. Is this true?

Janice, Crystal Lake

ANSWER: Janice, you are VERY observant. December and January are typically our cloudiest months of the year, with an average of 40% sunshine each month. However, I contacted local stats master, Frank Wachowski, who told me we had 30% sunshine in December. For January, he reports that as of yesterday, we have had 20% sunshine this month and a total of nine days with zero percent sunshine. So, to sum it up, Janice, your eyes are not deceiving you. This winter has been exceptionally cloudy!

Do you have a weather question for the ABC 7 team? Submit them at **abc7chicago.com/weather** or send them to:

Ask ABC 7 Weather Team
190 N. State Street
Chicago, IL 60601

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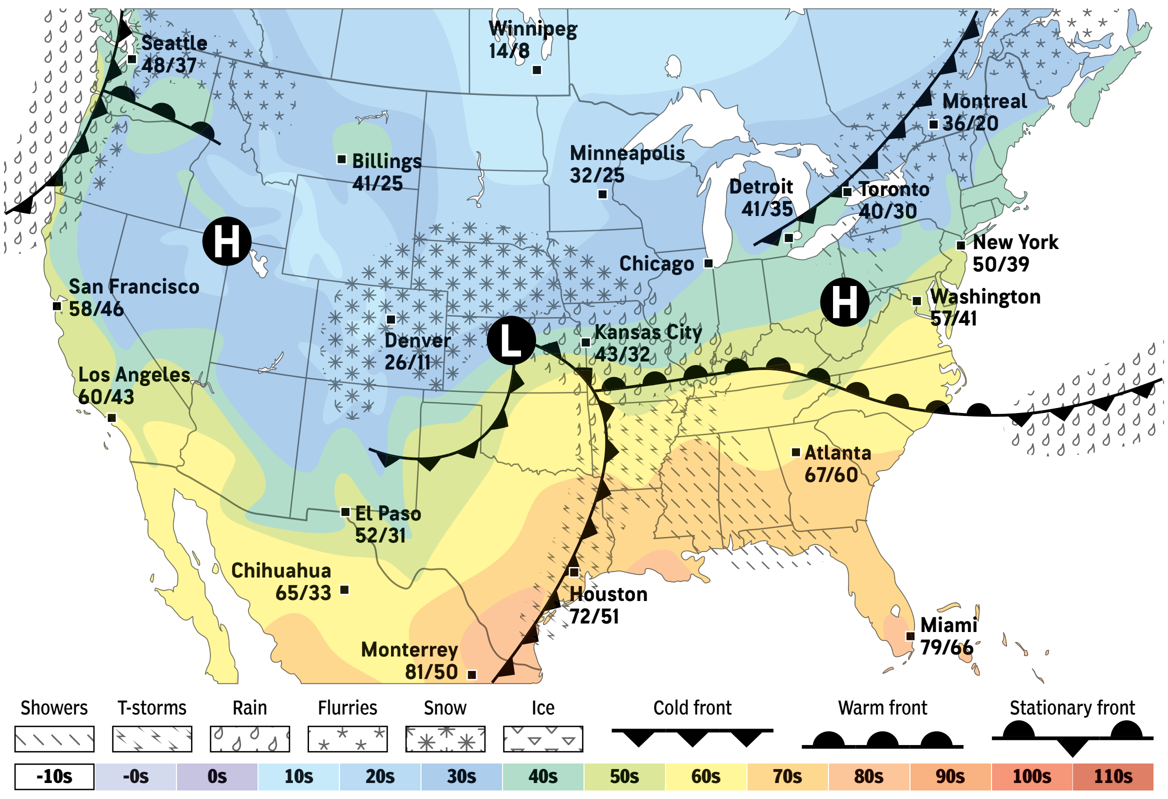
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.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Winnipeg 14/8
Montreal 36/20
Billings 41/25
Minneapolis 32/25
Detroit 41/35
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Atlanta 67/60
El Paso 52/31
Chihuahua 65/33
Houston 72/51
Miami 79/66
Monterrey 81/50
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
Cold front
Warm front
Stationary front
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40s
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70s
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90s
100s
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	56/46/r	50/30/c
Champaign	42/39/r	47/28/sh
Decatur	41/39/r	46/26/c
Moline	39/34/r	42/27/sn
Peoria	40/37/r	41/29/sh
Quincy	39/36/r	38/25/sn
Rockford	38/34/c	40/27/sn
Springfield	42/39/r	42/28/c
Sterling	38/36/r	40/29/sn
Indiana		
Bloomington	47/45/r	54/30/sh
Evansville	57/50/r	54/30/c
Fort Wayne	42/38/c	50/30/sh
Indianapolis	44/42/r	49/31/c
Lafayette	44/41/r	51/29/sh
South Bend	41/38/c	48/31/sn
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	33/30/c	34/27/sn
Kenosha	39/36/c	41/30/sn
La Crosse	35/30/c	35/23/sn
Madison	37/30/c	35/27/sn
Milwaukee	37/35/c	42/30/sn
Wausau	32/28/c	34/23/sn
Michigan		
Detroit	41/35/c	48/33/r
Grand Rapids	39/35/c	43/31/sn
Marquette	27/24/sn	26/22/sn
Sault Ste. Marie	34/23/pc	29/20/sn
Traverse City	38/32/sf	37/29/sn
Iowa		
Ames	34/26/sn	29/18/sn
Cedar Rapids	34/30/sn	34/21/sn
Des Moines	33/27/sn	31/20/sn
Dubuque	35/30/c	33/23/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	65/35/pc	59/41/s	Fairbanks	-7/-12/pc	5/-3/pc	Palm Beach	78/64/pc	82/62/pc
Albany, NY	41/29/c	34/32/sn	Fargo	16/14/c	21/13/pc	Palm Springs	64/43/s	61/44/pc
Albuquerque	40/22/pc	39/26/s	Flagstaff	32/6/pc	32/14/s	Philadelphia	52/39/pc	47/42/r
Amarillo	52/26/s	51/27/s	Fort Myers	80/60/s	81/64/pc	Phoenix	59/39/pc	60/41/s
Anchorage	24/22/sn	29/26/sn	Fort Smith	66/37/r	49/35/s	Pittsburgh	42/37/c	55/34/t
Asheville	62/52/c	64/39/t	Fresno	55/44/pc	52/37/pc	Portland, ME	43/27/c	39/29/pc
Aspen	23/-1/sn	27/8/sn	Grand Junction	37/19/c	32/21/sn	Portland, OR	47/35/r	46/33/c
Atlanta	67/60/c	69/41/t	Great Falls	38/26/pc	39/21/sn	Providence	50/34/pc	43/36/r
Atlantic City	53/40/pc	52/45/r	Harrisburg	51/37/c	45/41/r	Raleigh	67/52/pc	70/47/c
Austin	75/45/sh	68/42/pc	Hartford	47/33/pc	40/33/r	Rapid City	33/21/sn	43/22/pc
Baltimore	56/39/pc	48/43/r	Helena, MT	31/21/c	34/22/sn	Reno	38/26/pc	35/19/sf
Billings	41/25/s	41/24/pc	Honolulu	81/68/pc	80/69/sh	Richmond	62/43/pc	64/48/r
Birmingham	70/62/c	68/39/t	Houston	72/51/t	68/48/pc	Rochester	39/32/c	41/33/i
Bismarck	17/9/c	20/16/c	Int'l Falls	20/14/c	22/2/sn	Sacramento	53/41/pc	52/35/pc
Boise	40/29/pc	37/19/sf	Jackson, MS	77/53/c	66/39/pc	St. Louis	45/41/r	43/29/c
Boston	49/35/pc	40/35/r	Jacksonville	78/54/pc	80/55/pc	Salem, OR	46/33/r	48/28/c
Brownsville	83/58/c	75/62/pc	Juneau	39/35/sn	40/37/sn	Salt Lake City	35/24/c	36/22/sn
Buffalo	39/33/sn	42/36/i	Kansas City	43/32/r	41/23/sf	San Antonio	77/44/pc	70/45/pc
Burlington, VT	39/26/sn	33/29/sn	Las Vegas	52/35/s	49/39/pc	San Diego	61/44/s	60/47/pc
Charleston, SC	72/58/pc	74/50/pc	Lexington	54/50/r	62/32/c	San Francisco	58/46/pc	56/42/pc
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Charlotte	66/54/pc	67/44/t	Little Rock	68/44/t	54/35/s	Santa Fe	34/17/c	36/19/s
Chattanooga	64/60/c	68/39/t	Los Angeles	60/43/s	58/42/c	Savannah	73/57/pc	77/52/c
Cheyenne	26/19/sn	34/12/pc	Louisville	54/52/r	62/36/pc	Seattle	48/37/r	46/35/c
Cincinnati	48/45/r	58/32/t	Macon	71/59/c	72/41/t	Shreveport	72/45/t	62/37/s
Cleveland	41/38/c	55/33/r	Memphis	68/50/t	53/38/s	Sioux Falls	26/20/sn	23/12/sf
Colorado Spgs	29/18/sn	40/19/pc	Miami	79/66/s	82/66/s	Spokane	39/32/sn	35/24/pc
Columbia, MO	45/35/r	40/27/c	Minneapolis	32/25/c	28/17/sn	Syracuse	39/31/sn	39/35/i
Columbia, SC	68/57/pc	73/47/t	Mobile	76/65/sh	75/44/t	Tallahassee	75/60/c	78/47/t
Columbus, OH	45/41/c	60/32/t	Montgomery	74/65/c	73/43/t	Tampa	75/61/pc	77/67/pc
Concord	44/28/c	40/30/sn	Nashville	67/55/sh	64/39/pc	Topeka	43/29/r	42/22/c
Corpus Christi	83/50/t	77/56/pc	New Orleans	78/63/c	72/52/t	Tucson	56/33/s	61/37/s
Dallas	70/42/pc	60/41/s	New York City	50/39/pc	43/40/r	Tulsa	65/31/r	52/30/s
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Denver	26/11/sn	30/15/c	Oklahoma City	62/30/r	52/32/s	Wichita	59/27/r	48/25/pc
Duluth	25/22/c	26/13/sn	Omaha	32/25/sn	28/11/sf	Wilkes-Barre	45/37/c	39/38/r
El Paso	52/31/s	53/34/pc	Orlando	77/55/pc	84/64/pc	Yuma	63/38/s	63/44/s

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	83/66/s	83/67/s	Kyiv	49/39/c	50/44/c
Algiers	56/44/r	55/44/r	Lima	76/68/c	76/68/c
Amsterdam	42/38/pc	41/31/sn	Lisbon	54/45/sh	56/53/s
Ankara	55/27/pc	55/28/c	London	41/29/pc	41/28/pc
Athens	67/59/pc	65/57/pc	Madrid	46/33/sh	46/41/pc
Auckland	77/62/pc	78/64/pc	Manila	86/77/r	87/77/r
Baghdad	65/45/s	66/44/s	Mexico City	79/43/pc	79/45/pc
Bangkok	90/69/c	89/70/pc	Monterrey	81/50/s	69/47/pc
Barbados	84/76/s	84/76/s	Montreal	36/20/c	27/23/c
Barcelona	56/38/sh	55/45/pc	Moscow	39/37/sf	40/36/sn
Beijing	41/16/pc	41/10/pc	Munich	38/26/sn	34/25/c
Beirut	67/54/s	68/55/s	Nairobi	85/59/s	84/59/pc
Berlin	37/26/pc	36/28/c	Nassau	81/67/s	82/68/s
Bermuda	72/66/c	73/67/s	New Delhi	63/45/pc	66/48/pc
Bogota	68/48/r	67/48/r	Oslo	34/25/sn	31/24/c
Brussels	39/32/pc	40/29/sn	Ottawa	35/19/pc	27/23/sn
Bucharest	65/44/pc	64/46/c	Panama City	89/71/pc	90/73/pc
Budapest	46/35/c	38/30/r	Paris	41/30/pc	41/28/pc
Bueno Aires	83/72/c	83/73/pc	Prague	36/25/sn	34/26/c
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Cancun	83/75/pc	82/75/sh	Riyadh	63/42/pc	64/40/s
Caracas	86/73/s	86/72/pc	Rome	55/47/r	53/37/r
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Jerusalem	60/44/s	62/43/s	Vancouver	47/34/c	44/38/r
Johannesburg	85/62/pc	82/60/t	Vienna	45/33/c	39/26/c
Kabul	39/22/c	39/19/c	Warsaw	36/32/sn	35/31/c
Kingston	86/73/s	87/72/s	Winnipeg	14/8/c	15/9/c

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BUSINESS

How Illinois restaurant workers help fund lobbying to keep their wages low

By David A. Fahrenthold and Talmon Joseph Smith

WASHINGTON — For many cooks, waiters and bartenders, it is an annoying entrance fee to the food-service business: Before starting a new job, they pay around $15 to a company called ServSafe for an online class in food safety.

That course is basic, with lessons like "bathe daily" and "strawberries aren't supposed to be white and fuzzy, that's mold." In four of the largest states, this kind of training is required by law, and it is taken by workers nationwide.

But in taking the class, the workers — largely unbeknown to them — are also helping to fund a nationwide lobbying campaign to keep their own wages from increasing.

Diners at an outdoor restaurant in Manhattan on Aug. 27. The National Restaurant Association uses mandatory $15 food-safety classes to turn waiters and cooks into unwitting funders of its battle against minimum wage increases. FILE

The company they are paying, ServSafe, doubles as a fundraising arm of the National Restaurant Association — the largest lobbying group for the food-service industry, claiming to represent more than 500,000 restaurant businesses. The association has spent decades fighting increases to the minimum wage at the federal and state levels, as well as the subminimum wage paid to tipped workers like waiters.

The federal minimum wage has risen just once since 1996, to $7.25 from $5.15, while the minimum hourly wage for tipped workers has been $2.13 since 1991. Minimums are higher in many states, but still below what labor groups consider a living wage.

For years, the restaurant association and its affiliates have used ServSafe to create an arrangement with few parallels in Washington, where labor unwittingly helps to pay for management's lobbying. First, in 2007, the restaurant owners took control of a training business. Then they helped lobby states to mandate the kind of training they already provided — producing a flood of paying customers.

More than 3.6 million workers have taken this training, providing about $25 million in revenue to the restaurant industry's lobbying arm since 2010. That was more than the National Restaurant Association spent on lobbying in the same period, according to filings with the Internal Revenue Service.

That $25 million represented about 2% of the National Restaurant Association's total revenues over that same period, but more than half of the amount its members paid in dues. Most industry groups are much more reliant on big-dollar donors or membership support to meet their expenses. Most of the association's revenues come from trade shows and other classes.

Tax-law experts say this arrangement, which has helped fuel a resurgence in the political influence of restaurants, appears to be legal.

But activists for raising minimum wages — and even some restaurant owners — say the arrangement is hidden from the workers it relies on.

"I'm sitting up here working hard, paying this money so that I can work this job, so I can provide for my family," said Mysheka Ronquillo, 40, a line cook who works at a Carl's Jr. hamburger restaurant and at a private school cafeteria in Westchester, California. "And I'm giving y'all money so y'all can go against me?"

Ronquillo is also a labor organizer in California. She said that she had taken the class every three years, as required, and that she never knew ServSafe funded the other side of that fight.

As workers have become more aware of how their payments to ServSafe are used, something of a backlash is developing. Looking ahead to coming battles over minimum wages in as many as nine states run by Democrats, including New York, Saru Jayaraman of the labor-advocacy group One Fair Wage said she was encouraging workers to avoid ServSafe.

"We'll be telling them to use any possible alternatives," Jayaraman said.

The kind of class that these workers pay for, called "food handler" training, is offered by ServSafe or its affiliates in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. But online databases maintained by the National Restaurant Association show the vast majority of its classes are taken in four large states where food-handler classes are mandatory for most workers: Texas, California, Illinois and Florida.

Other companies also offer this training. But restaurant industry veterans say that ServSafe is the dominant force in the market — to the point that some restaurant owners said they did not realize there were alternatives.

"ServSafe is very much the Kleenex" of the industry — a brand that defines the business, said Nick Eastwood, who runs a competitor called Always Food Safe. "We believe they've got at least 70%-plus of the market. Maybe higher."

The president of the National Restaurant Association, Michelle Korsmo, declined to be interviewed. In a written statement, she said the group had sought to protect both public health and the financial health of the industry.

"The association's advocacy work keeps restaurants open; it keeps workers employed, it finds pathways for worker opportunity, and it keeps our communities healthy," Korsmo wrote. Her group declined to say how much of the training market it captures.

As money flowed in from the National Restaurant Association's training programs, its overall spending on politics and lobbying more than doubled from 2007 to 2021, tax filings show. The national association donated to Democrats, Republicans and conservative-leaning think tanks, and sent hundreds of thousands of dollars to state restaurant associations to beef up their lobbying.

During the Clinton and Obama administrations, the association was a major force in limiting employer-provided health care benefits. And though pressure from liberal groups has grown and workers' wages have fallen for decades when adjusted for inflation, the group helped assemble enough bipartisan opposition to scuttle a bill in 2021 to raise the federal minimum wage for all workers to $15 per hour over five years.

The association had also won a series of battles over state-level wage minimums, though its fortunes reversed last year. Both the District of Columbia and Michigan moved to eliminate the "tip credit" system — where restaurants are allowed to pay waiters a salary below the minimum wage, on the expectation that tips from customers will make up the rest. That was the first time any state had eliminated the tip-credit system in more than 10 years.

Legally, the National Restaurant Association and its state-level affiliates are a species of nonprofit called a "business league," with more freedom to lobby than a traditional charity.

Since the 1960s, their lobbying has focused heavily on the minimum wage — arguing that labor-intensive operations like restaurants, which employ more workers at or near the minimum wage than any other industry, could be put out of business by any significant increase in employee costs.

Fifteen years ago, they had just lost a battle in that fight.

Over the association's objections, Congress had raised the minimum wage to $7.25 an hour. Former board members said they were searching for a new source of revenue — without asking members to pay more in dues.

"That's when the decision was contemplated, of buying the ServSafe program," said Burton "Skip" Sack, a former chair of the association's board. "Because it was profitable."

At the time, the ServSafe program was run by a charity affiliated with the restaurant association. The association bought the operation, transforming it into an indirect fundraising vehicle.

After that, state restaurant associations in California, Texas and Illinois lobbied for changes in state law.

Previously, those states had required food-safety training for restaurant managers, which typically was paid for by restaurants themselves. After the association's takeover of ServSafe, lobbying records show, the state affiliates pushed for a broader and less-common type of mandate, covering all food "handlers" like cooks, waiters, bartenders and those who bus tables.

The three state legislatures agreed, in lopsided votes.

In written statements, the state restaurant associations said they were not trying to raise money. Instead, they said they worked with other groups seeking to reduce food-borne disease.

"This law was happening with or without our participation in the process," said the president of the California Restaurant Association, Jot Condie. California legislative records show his association was the sponsor of the bill that imposed the mandate.

ServSafe soon had waves of new customers, which in turn generated more money for the association and its lobbying efforts. Today, Florida, California, Texas, Illinois and Utah all imposed similar requirements. John Bluemke, a senior vice president for sales at ServSafe from 2002 to 2010, said there was little need to pursue mandates in smaller states: "Once you did the big states, who cares about Nebraska?"

"If you've got a million people going through that thing, do the math," Bluemke said. The National Restaurant Association does not release figures about the cost of offering food-handler classes, but Bluemke said that — because they are generally offered online — the costs are low and the profits high.

"We always said the first course costs you a million dollars," Bluemke said, for making the video. "And the rest are free."

When managers take mandatory training, restaurant veterans say, the employer usually pays. But state websites say that restaurant employees should expect to pay for these classes themselves, and restaurant workers interviewed by The New York Times said that was their experience.

The restaurant association notes that some employers have covered the costs of getting certified and that employees are given lower rates in certain circumstances. So not all 3.6 million workers paid $15 each.

"The NRA is different from most traditional trade associations in our business model," Dawn Sweeney, the National Restaurant Association's CEO at the time, wrote to members in 2014 — reminding them of what a good deal they had.

Business leagues, which are tax-exempt, are generally allowed to run a for-profit business, as long as it advances the common interest of their broader trade. The National Restaurant Association contends that its business cleanly fits this standard.

"The rules the IRS has passed are not always clear as to what is and is not allowed," said Anna Massoglia, an investigations manager at OpenSecrets, a nonpartisan group that tracks the flow of money in politics. "This makes it easier for groups to exploit that lack of clarity. I'm not familiar with another group that has done it to this scale."

The IRS declined to comment, citing taxpayer-privacy rules.

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Baker Miller is closed. Long live Miller Bagel.

By Nick Kindelsperger
Chicago Tribune

Baker Miller, one of Chicago's most acclaimed bakeries since it opened in 2014, is going into "hibernation."

This doesn't mean the Millers are vacating their Lincoln Square storefront. In fact, they've already rolled out a new concept for the space called Miller Bagel.

Dave Miller, who owns the bakery with his partner, Megan Miller, said Baker Miller managed to get by during the pandemic, but 2022 was a real struggle. "After the past year with inflation, it's been horrible," Miller said. "Our model isn't sustainable anymore. We realized that if it's like what it was last winter, we will go out of business. We need to pivot fast into something we are really good at."

Though the switch seems sudden, Miller said the idea of a Miller-owned bagel deli had been around since about 2016. "When we used to have three locations, we thought about turning one into a bagel deli," Miller said. "But then we decided to wait."

If you've visited Baker Miller in the past few years, you know they serve bagels. I was so impressed by what I tasted last year I placed them on my list of the 10 best bagels in Chicago. Now they'll be able to focus on bagel production, without having to worry about making a bunch of other kinds of bread.

Miller prefers to call the new concept a Chicago bagel deli. "We are not trying a be a New York bagel shop," Miller said. "We don't think an overly chewy bagel is a good bagel. Ours will be soft on the inside and a little chewy on the outside."

Along with being able to get a range of cream cheeses with your bagel, Miller Bagel will also serve bagel sandwiches featuring different housemade fillings. "We'll have egg salad and curry chickpea salad," Miller said. "We'll also have pastrami that we're making in collaboration with Umamicue." (The latter is a barbecue concept that offers catering and has been doing pop-ups around the city.)

Schmears range from classics to spreads flecked with giardinera, lox and gochujang chives. Bagel sandwiches run sweet — fig and strawberry jam with cream cheese, toasted walnuts and prosciutto — to one loaded with thick Montreal-style pastrami with mustard.

While Miller was confident about making the switch, he said he felt a twinge of nervousness last week. So he decided to do a very unscientific Instagram poll, where he asked his followers to pick one of four concepts they'd like to see in the neighborhood. A bagel shop dominated the poll, picking up 55%. "We know on the ground that our bagels are killing it," Miller said. "But that felt good."

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Rachel Bode orders a takeout at Baker Miller in Chicago on Dec. 23, 2021.
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> *— Dave Miller, Baker Miller owner*

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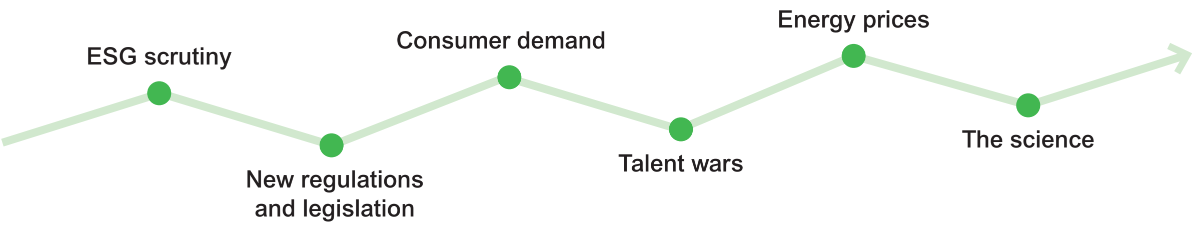

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Musk's drama at Twitter shifts to 2018 Tesla tweet

Trial begins after investors sue over buyout claim that fueled brief stock rally

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — While still grappling with the fallout from a company he did take private, beleaguered billionaire Elon Musk is now facing a trial over a company he didn't.

Long before Musk purchased Twitter for $44 billion in October, he had set his sights on Tesla, the electric automaker where he continues to serve as CEO and from which he derives most of his wealth and fame.

Musk claimed in a Aug. 7, 2018, tweet that he had lined up the financing to pay for a $72 billion buyout of Tesla, which he then amplified with a follow-up statement that made a deal seem imminent.

But the buyout never materialized and now Musk will have to explain his actions under oath in a federal court in San Francisco. The trial, which began Tuesday with jury selection, was triggered by a class-action lawsuit on behalf of investors who owned Tesla stock for a 10-day period in August 2018.

Musk's tweets back then fueled a rally in Tesla's stock price that abruptly ended a week later, after it became apparent that he didn't have the funding for a buyout after all. That resulted in him scrapping his plan to take the automaker private, culminating in a $40 million settlement with U.S. securities regulators that also required him to step down as the company's chairman.

Musk has since contended he entered that settlement under duress and maintained he believed he had locked up financial backing for a Tesla buyout during meetings with representatives from Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.

The trial's outcome may hinge on the jury's interpretation of Musk's motive for tweets that U.S. District Judge Edward Chen has already decided were a falsehood. Chen dealt Musk another setback Friday, when he rejected Musk's bid to transfer the trial to a federal court in Texas, where Tesla moved its headquarters in 2021.

Musk's leadership of Twitter — where he has gutted the staff and alienated users and advertisers — has proven unpopular among Tesla's stockholders, who are worried he has been devoting less time steering the automaker at a time of intensifying competition. Those concerns contributed to a 65% percent decline in Tesla's stock last year that wiped out more than $700 billion in shareholder wealth — far more than the $14 billion swing in fortune that occurred between the company's high and low stock prices during the period of Aug. 7-17, 2018, covered in the class-action lawsuit.

The lawsuit is based on the premise that Tesla's shares wouldn't have traded at such a wide range if Musk hadn't dangled the prospect of buying the company for $420 per share. Tesla's stock has split twice since then, making that $420 price worth $28 on adjusted basis now.

After Musk dropped the idea of a Tesla buyout, the company overcame a production problem, resulting in a rapid upturn in car sales that caused its stock to soar and minted Musk as the world's richest person. Musk dropped from the top spot on the wealth list after the stock market's backlash to his handling of Twitter.

FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried leaves federal court Jan. 3 in New York after he pleaded not guilty to fraud charges. **SETH WENIG/AP**

Is corporate fraud common?

Finance expert's study points to 'how widespread' problem may be at public companies

By Ephrat Livni
The New York Times

On a recent visit to Salt Lake City, Alexander Dyck ordered Chinese takeout and received a branded fortune cookie wishing him wealth and promoting FTX, presumably packaged before the crypto empire's epic collapse.

"I should have saved it," he said regretfully.

Dyck is a professor of finance at the University of Toronto, who just published a study on the pervasiveness of corporate fraud. The study has been passed around in the world of academia in recent weeks and has become a fascination among general counsels, corporate leaders and investors.

It suggests only about one-third of frauds in public companies actually come to light and that fraud is disturbingly common.

Dyck and his co-authors estimate that about 40% of companies are committing accounting violations and that 10% are committing what is considered securities fraud, destroying 1.6% of equity value each year — about $830 billion in 2021.

"What people don't get is how widespread the problem of corporate fraud is," Dyck said about his study, published in the Review of Accounting Studies this month.

Last year, Trevor Milton, founder of electric-vehicle maker Nikola, and Elizabeth Holmes, founder of blood-testing company Theranos, were both found guilty of fraud. Holmes' sentencing coincided with the swift fall of FTX, founded by Sam Bankman-Fried.

But the amount of fraud perpetrated at any given time stays pretty steady, Dyck said. He and his colleagues wanted to scratch the surface of misconduct in public companies to figure out how much of it goes undiscovered normally. To do this, they first examined a period of unique scrutiny in accounting history, the 2001 demise of auditing firm Arthur Andersen after the collapse of Enron.

At that time, the firm's former clients were in the spotlight and new auditors were far more motivated to uncover wrongdoing, given the suspicions looming over companies that had worked with Arthur Andersen. That should make the rate of fraud they found more accurate than other measures.

But the probes didn't uncover more wrongdoing among Arthur Andersen's clients than at other businesses reliant on other auditors. The same ratio of fraud appeared in a set of comparisons with other research, which led them to conclude it is consistent. They used this rate of fraud to conclude that about one-third of corporate fraud goes unnoticed.

Given how common fraud is at audited public companies, Dyck said, misconduct is probably even more pervasive in privately held businesses.

Still, it's difficult to prove misconduct and target everyone involved in wrongdoing, said Allison Herren Lee, a former commissioner and interim chair at the Securities and Exchange Commission. People involved often feel they are just testing boundaries rather than violating the law and such schemes can be sprawling in major corporations.

"To prosecute fraud you have to show intent," she said. "In big public companies that's tough, because it takes a village to commit fraud."

Corporate crime fighters agree that fraud is a major problem.

But some are critical of the new study's expansive take on the term.

Some note the research relied on studies with varying definitions that applied to a range of kinds of misconduct, including settled cases arising from accusations of accounting violations that were never ultimately proven by the prosecution.

Fidelity invests $250M in minority students

By Glenn Gamboa
Associated Press

Fidelity Investments will commit $250 million to a new education initiative to support up to 50,000 underserved minority students with scholarships and mentorship programs in the next five years.

The Invest in My Education program, announced Tuesday, plans to increase graduation rates and students' ability to complete their education debt free.

Pamela Everhart, Fidelity's head of Regional Public Affairs and Community Relations, said the program is part of the firm's plans to direct more resources to some minority communities.

"We believe that all students, regardless of their backgrounds, should have an opportunity to access higher education and economic mobility and then begin to build a path to generational wealth," Everhart said.

Fidelity research found that 21% of Black students and 32% of Latino students graduate from college in four years, compared with 45% of white students. The company also found that, on average, Black and Latino students accrue $25,000 more in student debt than their white peers. To address those inequalities, Fidelity is partnering with UNCF, the nation's largest private provider of scholarships and other educational support to Black students, and other nonprofits.

Michael Lomax, UNCF's president and CEO, said the comprehensiveness of the support in Fidelity's Invest in My Education program will help students succeed. However, he said, the most exciting part of the program is that it targets students who are not necessarily getting top grades at elite schools because they have to balance obtaining an education with working jobs to pay for their studies — what he calls the "Mighty Middle."

"I'm glad to see they're getting a little respect — they're the Rodney Dangerfield of students," Lomax said. "They're not always achieving the highest academic results. But they're staying in the fight. They're doing the work. And they're getting the degree. And they have to work doubly hard because people don't always focus on them and give them the support."

EU pushes clean tech industrial proposition

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union pushed forward Tuesday with a major clean tech industrial plan which not only should keep the continent in the vanguard of plotting a greener future but also guarantee its economic survival as it faces challenges from China and the United States.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen presented the outlines for her "Green Deal Industrial Plan" that will make it much easier to push through subsidies for green industries and pool EU-wide projects that are boosted with major funding as the EU pursues the goal of being climate neutral by 2050.

"We know that we have a small window to invest in clean tech and innovation to gain leadership before the fossil fuel economy becomes obsolete," von der Leyen said.

Von der Leyen used a speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, to say that on top of feeding its own industry, the 27-nation bloc will become much more forceful in countering unfair trading practices, if they come from Washington, or more importantly, Beijing.

"We see aggressive attempts to attract our industrial capacities away to China and elsewhere," she said.

And as it is trying to wean itself of an overdependence on Russia energy since the war in Ukraine started almost a year ago, the EU doesn't want to become as dependent on China for rare earth materials, which are critical to the development of battery storage, hydrogen and wind energy.

The outline that Von der Leyen presented will now become the primary driver for debate among the EU's member nations before their 27 leaders meet for a Feb. 9-10 summit on the issue.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Emerson reveals science firm bid

NEW YORK — Emerson is going public with a $7.6 billion bid for National Instruments, saying the company has avoided serious buyout negotiations since early last year.

Emerson bumped up its cash offer for the maker of scientific measuring equipment and software to $53 per share in November, up from a per-share offer of $48 that it had made back in May.

Emerson said that it's tried numerous times to initiate private discussions with National Instruments Corp. since May. The St. Louis company said that when it provided its increased bid in November, National Instruments said it had formed a group to look at the proposal and evaluate options. But Emerson said since that time National Instruments has resisted engaging.

Apple gives OK to auditing labor

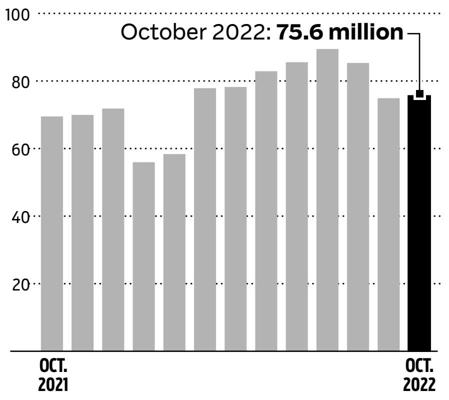
Apple will conduct an assessment of its U.S. labor practices under an agreement with a coalition of investors.

The assessment will focus on whether Apple is complying with its official human rights policy as it relates to "workers' freedom of association and collective bargaining rights in the United States," the company said in a filing last week with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The audit comes amid complaints by federal regulators and employees that the company has repeatedly violated workers' labor rights as they have sought to unionize over the past year. Apple has denied the accusations. As part of the agreement, Apple agreed to hire a third-party firm to conduct the assessment, the coalition said.

Airline traffic

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions.



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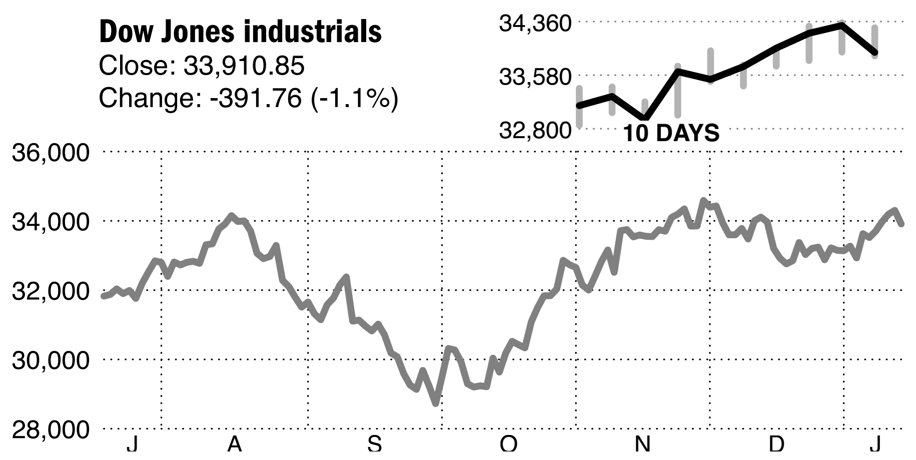
MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow **High: 34,269.97** **Low: 33,860.67** **Previous: 34,302.61**



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 33,910.85
Change: -391.76 (-1.1%)

Nasdaq	
↗	**+15.96** *(+.14%)*
Close	**11,095.11**
High	11,145.44
Low	11,024.72
Previous	11,079.15

S&P 500	
↘	**-8.12** *(-.20%)*
Close	**3,990.97**
High	4,015.39
Low	3,984.57
Previous	3,999.09

Russell 2000	
↘	**-2.74** *(-.15%)*
Close	**1,884.29**
High	1,892.42
Low	1,880.74
Previous	1,887.03

10-yr T-note	**Gold futures**	**Yen**	**Euro**	**Crude Oil**
↗	↘	↘	↗	↗
+.05 to 3.55%	**-11.20** to $1,907.20	**-.23** to 128.35/$1	**+.0024** to .9265/$1	**+.32** to $80.18

Major market growth and decline

	5-day % change			**30-day % change**			**1-year % change**	
DOW	**NASD**	**S&P**	**DOW**	**NASD**	**S&P**	**DOW**	**NASD**	**S&P**
+.61	+3.28	+1.83	+3.23	+5.20	+4.43	-4.12	-23.52	-12.81
↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↘	↘	↘

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	742.50	755.75	728.75	751.75	+8
		May 23	750	762.75	737.50	759	+7
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	671.50	687	668.75	685.25	+10.25
		May 23	670.25	684.50	667.50	682.75	+9
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	1518.75	1541	1512.50	1539.75	+12
		May 23	1518.75	1538.25	1513.50	1537.50	+10.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 23	63.00	64.00	62.47	63.84	+.78
		May 23	62.88	63.67	62.38	63.50	+.60
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 23	473.70	481.60	468.40	481.20	+4.90
		May 23	460.10	466.80	456.10	466.30	+4.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 23	80.10	81.23	78.53	80.18	+.32
		Mar 23	80.34	81.51	78.80	80.45	+.34
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Feb 23	3.557	3.789	3.521	3.586	+.167
		Mar 23	3.283	3.440	3.237	3.253	+.057
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 23	2.5375	2.5725	2.4919	2.5451	+.0123
		Mar 23	2.5442	2.5792	2.4977	2.5542	+.0149

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	113.39	-.12	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	68.11	+.70	Middleby Corp	O	148.98	-2.02
AbbVie Inc	N	152.83	-.77	Equity Residential	N	61.37	+.75	Mondelez Intl	O	67.02	-.04
Allstate Corp	N	135.52	-3.45	Exelon Corp	O	43.16	-.22	Morningstar Inc	O	242.84	+1.92
Aptargroup Inc	N	114.06	+.09	First Indl RT	N	51.27	+.20	Motorola Solutions	N	263.29	-2.72
Arch Dan Mid	N	88.09	-.31	Fortune Brands Innov	N	62.47	-.84	NiSource Inc	N	27.62	-.17
Baxter Intl	N	44.74	-.10	GATX	N	111.30	-1.73	Nthn Trust Cp	O	99.40	+1.20
Boeing Co	N	211.41	-2.72	Gallagher AJ	N	195.65	-.90	Old Republic	N	24.14	-.26
Brunswick Corp	N	79.36	+.10	Grainger WW	N	571.67	-2.19	Packaging Corp Am	N	133.50	-1.90
CBOE Global Markets	N	123.62	-.87	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	104.99	+.05	Paylocity Hldg	O	198.54	+4.51
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.74	+.05	IAA Inc	N	40.34	+.51	RLI Corp	N	137.38	-2.26
CDW Corp	O	197.62	+2.77	IDEX Corp	N	236.70	-2.20	Ryan Specialty Group	N	43.58	-.30
CF Industries	N	86.00	-.91	ITW	N	232.31	-.93	Stericycle Inc	O	52.98	+.14
CME Group	O	175.99	+.37	Ingredion Inc	N	104.44	+4.29	TransUnion	N	69.17	+.52
CNA Financial	N	42.86	-.39	John Bean Technol	N	101.55	-.20	US Foods Holding	N	36.92	-.37
Caterpillar Inc	N	256.26	-2.20	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	176.39	-.77	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	494.59	+3.60
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	40.03	+.12	Kemper Corp	N	54.58	-1.23	United Airlines Hldg	O	51.20	-.45
Deere Co	N	438.20	-1.43	Kraft Heinz Co	O	42.33	-.09	Ventas Inc	N	49.09	+.10
Discover Fin Svcs	N	105.41	-1.79	LKQ Corporation	O	57.89	-.63	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	36.33	-.45
Dover Corp	N	144.31	-.08	Littelfuse Inc	O	245.94	-1.21	Wintrust Financial	O	86.42	-1.24
Envestnet Inc	N	66.15	-.45	McDonalds Corp	N	274.11	+5.22	Zebra Tech	O	293.58	-.12

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	12.67	-.05
AMC Entertainment A	6.07	+1.01
Bank of America	34.52	-.71
Carnival Corp	10.88	+.37
Transocean Ltd	6.07	+.41
Ambev S.A.	2.72	+.01
AT&T Inc	19.33	-.22
Carvana Co A	7.31	+.29
Roblox Corp	37.12	+3.91
Party City Holdco	.37	+.03
Farfetch Ltd	6.18	+.45
Blue Apron Holdings	1.03	+.02
Palantir Technol	7.07	+.11
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.87	-.05
Snap Inc A	9.67	-.13
Pfizer Inc	46.08	-1.77
Verizon Comm	40.85	-1.01
Nu Holdings Ltd	3.67	-.01
Citigroup	50.31	+.39
Morgan Stanley	97.08	+5.42
Petrobras	11.31	+.47
Wells Fargo & Co	44.12	-.10
Silvergate capital	13.33	+.13
Speng Inc ADR	9.36	-.63

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.30	-.06
Exela Technologies	.09	+.02
Tesla Inc	131.49	+9.09
Bed Bath &Beynd	4.14	+.48
IQIYI Inc	5.59	-1.10
Calyxt Inc	.35	+.17
Amazon.com Inc	96.05	-2.07
Celyad SA ADS	1.90	+1.10
Apple Inc	135.94	+1.18
Marathon Digital Hld	8.37	+.69
Tritium DCFC Ltd	1.64	+.15
Nvidia Corporation	177.02	+8.03
Grab Holdings Ltd A	3.97	+.39
Adv Micro Dev	71.59	+.59
SoFi Technologies	5.64	+.20
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.48	-.03
Intel Corp	29.60	-.51
Vinco Ventures Inc	.80	+.12
American Airlines Gp	17.08	+.06
Alphabet Inc A	91.29	-.83
Aterian Inc	1.33	+.36
Microsoft Corp	240.35	+1.12
Riot Blockchain Inc	6.41	+.39
COmSovereign Hldg	.07	+.00

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3224.25	-3.4/-.1
Stoxx600	456.04	+1.4/+.3
Nikkei	26138.68	+19.2/+.1
MSCI-EAFE	2085.79	+7.9/+.4
Bovespa	111439.11	+519.6/+.5
FTSE 100	7851.03	-9.0/-.1
CAC-40	7077.16	+33.9/+.5

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	92.16	-.64
Alphabet Inc A	91.29	-.83
Amazon.com Inc	96.05	-2.07
Apple Inc	135.94	+1.18
Berkshire Hath B	314.86	-2.78
Chevron Corp	180.49	+2.93
Eli Lilly	357.74	-3.88
Exxon Mobil Corp	112.93	-.22
JPMorgan Chase	140.80	-2.21
Johnson & Johnson	172.36	-1.07
MasterCard Inc	375.00	-.52
Microsoft Corp	240.35	+1.12
Nvidia Corporation	177.02	+8.03
Procter & Gamble	150.44	-.44
Taiwan Semicon	88.99	+2.19
Tesla Inc	131.49	+9.09
Unitedhealth Group	485.08	-4.49
Visa Inc	223.00	-.06
WalMart Strs	144.41	-.88

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.56	4.51
6-month disc	4.68	4.64
2-year	4.21	4.23
10-year	3.55	3.50
30-year	3.66	3.61

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1907.20	$1918.40
Silver	$23.944	$24.231
Platinum	$1037.50	$1063.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	7.50
Discount Rate Primary	5.00
Fed Funds Target	4.25-4.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.35

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	182.5151
Australia (Dollar)	1.4307
Brazil (Real)	5.1047
Britain (Pound)	.8147
Canada (Dollar)	1.3386
China (Yuan)	6.7739
Euro	.9265
India (Rupee)	81.559
Israel (Shekel)	3.4036
Japan (Yen)	128.35
Mexico (Peso)	18.6872
Poland (Zloty)	4.35
So. Korea (Won)	1237.27
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.26
Thailand (Baht)	33.04

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.62	-.08	-8.4
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.45	-.14	-2.4
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	54.33	-.12	-11.8
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.97	-.08	-5.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	63.02	-.19	-10.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.58	...	-22.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.25	-.07	-4.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	42.97	-.09	-10.4
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	50.27	+.01	-18.3
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.03	-.24	-5.3
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.86	-.01	-9.4
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.56	-.01	-6.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.36	-.02	-5.6
Dodge & Cox StkI	224.96	-.60	-7.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	138.46	-.28	-13.0
Fidelity Contrafund	12.56	-.05	-21.8
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.27	+.02	-10.2
Fidelity GroCo	23.96	+.09	-24.2
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	44.23	+.16	-8.0
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.13	-.01	-8.6
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	110.73	-.17	-13.6
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.45	-.01	-9.0
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.35	...	-3.1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.32	-.01	-10.5
PIMCO IncInstl	10.62	-.01	-4.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.69	-.02	-10.4
Schwab SP500Idx	61.24	...	-12.8
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	368.31	-.75	-13.0
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.14	-.05	-11.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.55	-.15	-1.7
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	86.77	-.44	+.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	116.18	+.32	-24.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.50	-.32	+4.7
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.63	+.02	-4.1
Vanguard InsIdxIns	334.52	-.69	-13.0
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	334.52	-.68	-13.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.96	-.49	-19.9
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	265.99	+.12	-10.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	138.82	-.50	-9.7
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.06	+.01	-3.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	93.91	-.08	-9.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.29	+.01	-9.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.38	+.01	-10.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	32.79	...	-11.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.27	...	-11.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	35.68	...	-11.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	23.99	-.01	-11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	39.79	-.01	-11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.63	...	-8.8
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.73	-.01	-9.2
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.73	-.01	-9.2
Vanguard TtlnSIdxAdmrl	29.87	+.04	-10.6
Vanguard TtlnSIdxIns	119.43	+.13	-10.6
Vanguard TtlnSIdxInv	17.85	+.02	-10.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	97.22	-.15	-13.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	97.24	-.14	-13.6
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	56.06	-.32	-1.6
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.27	-.15	-10.0
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.97	-.13	-6.0
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	68.98	-.21	-10.0

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NATION & WORLD

China posts rare drop in population

Pressure to keep economy growing faces a new hurdle

By Ken Moritsugu
Associated Press

A man pulls a child Tuesday in Beijing. For the first time in decades, China has seen its population plunge. **ANDY WONG/AP**

BEIJING — China's population shrank for the first time in decades last year as its birthrate plunged, official figures showed Tuesday, adding to pressure on leaders to keep the economy growing despite an aging workforce and at a time of rising tension with the U.S.

Despite the official numbers, some experts believe China's population has been in decline for a few years — a dramatic turn in a country that once sought to control such growth through a one-child policy.

Many wealthy countries are struggling with how to respond to aging populations, which can be a drag on economic growth as shrinking numbers of workers try to support growing numbers of elderly people.

But the demographic change will be difficult to manage in a middle-income country like China, which does not have the resources to care for an aging population in the same way that one like Japan does. Over time, that will likely slow its economy and perhaps even the world's, and could potentially keep inflation higher in many developed economies.

"China has become older before it has become rich," said Yi Fuxian, a demographer and expert on Chinese population trends at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A slowing economy could also pose a political problem for the ruling Communist Party, if shrinking opportunities foment public discontent. Anger over strict COVID-19 lockdowns spilled over late last year into protests that in some cases called for leader Xi Jinping to step down — a rare direct challenge to the party.

The National Bureau of Statistics reported Tuesday that the country had 850,000 fewer people at the end of 2022 than the previous year. The tally includes only the population of mainland China, excluding Hong Kong and Macao as well as foreign residents.

More than 1 million fewer babies were born than the previous year amid a slowing economy and widespread pandemic lockdowns, according to official figures. The bureau reported 9.56 million births in 2022; deaths ticked up to 10.41 million.

It wasn't clear if the population figures were affected by a widespread outbreak of COVID-19 following the easing of pandemic restrictions last month. China recently reported 60,000 COVID-19-related deaths since early December, but some experts believe the government is likely underreporting deaths.

The last time China is believed to have experienced a population decline was during the Great Leap Forward, a disastrous drive for collective farming and industrialization launched by then-leader Mao Zedong at the end of the 1950s that produced a massive famine that killed tens of millions of people.

China's population has begun to decline nine to 10 years earlier than Chinese officials predicted and the United Nation projected, said Yi, the demographer. At 1.4 billion, the country has long been the world's most populous nation, but is expected to soon be overtaken by India., if it has not already.

China has sought to bolster its population since officially ending its one-child policy in 2016. Since then, China has tried to encourage families to have more children, with little success, reflecting attitudes in much of east Asia where birth rates have fallen precipitously. In China, the expense of raising children in cities is often cited.

Zhang Huimin, a 23-year-old Beijing resident, bemoaned the "fierce competition" young people face these days — a fairly typical attitude toward starting a family among her age group.

"Home prices are high and jobs are not easy to find," she said.

Yi said that his own research shows China's population has actually been declining since 2018, indicating the population crisis is "much more severe" than previously thought. The country now has one of the lowest fertility rates in the world, comparable only to Taiwan and South Korea, he said.

That means China's "real demographic crisis is beyond imagination and that all of China's past economic, social, defense and foreign policies were based on faulty demographic data," Yi said.

The statistics bureau said the working-age population between 16 and 59 years old totaled 875.56 million, accounting for 62% of the national population, while those aged 65 and older totaled 209.78 million, accounting for 14.9% of the total.

It also reported China's economic growth fell to its second-lowest level in at least four decades last year, although activity is reviving after the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions that kept millions of people at home.

Any slowdown has wider implications. China became a global manufacturing powerhouse in the early 2000s. With millions of its citizens flocking from the countryside to its cities, China's seemingly endless supply of cheap labor lowered costs for consumers around the world.

Its labor costs have begun to rise — and changing demographics will likely accelerate that trend. As a result, inflation could creep higher in countries that import China's products, though production may also move to lower-cost countries such as Vietnam, as it already has.

Ex-GOP candidate in NM linked to home shootings

Police say he paid 4 men for attacks on Dem lawmakers

By Rio Yamat and Susan Montoya Bryan
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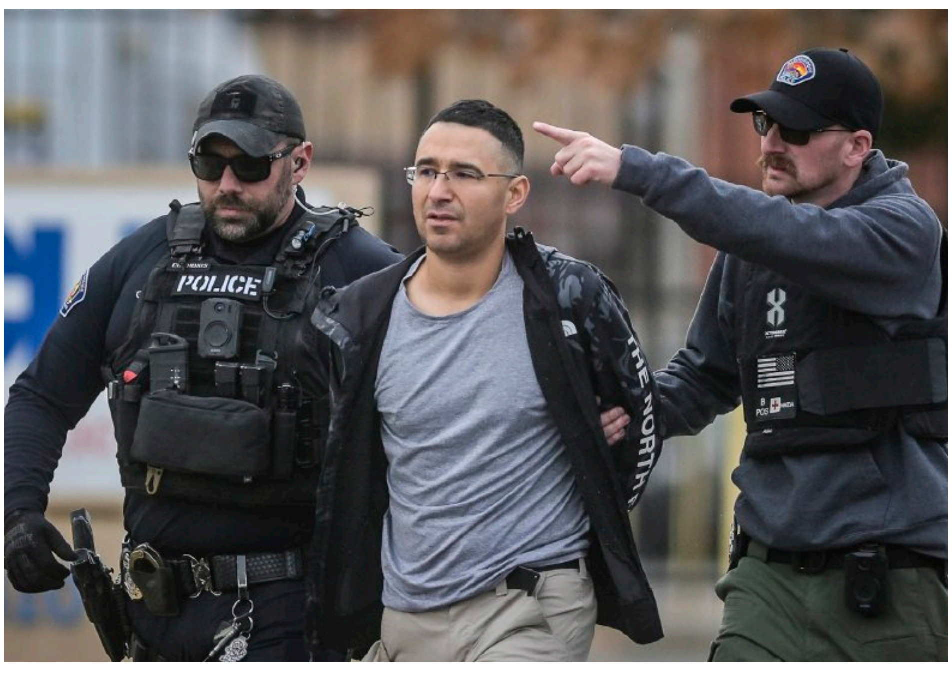

Solomon Pena, a former Republican candidate for New Mexico's House, is escorted by police after his arrest Monday in Albuquerque. **ROBERTO E. ROSALES/THE ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A failed Republican candidate paid $500 to four men to shoot at the homes of Democratic lawmakers, but was so unsatisfied with the shooters' work that he went along for the final drive-by, his gun jamming as bullets ripped into the bedroom of a sleeping girl, police said.

The criminal complaint against Solomon Pena, a self-proclaimed "MAGA king," describes how anger over his landslide defeat in November led to attacks at the homes of four Democratic lawmakers in New Mexico's largest city. A SWAT team arrested him Monday, police said.

Pena, 39, spent nine years behind bars after his arrest in April 2007 for stealing electronics and other goods from several retail stores as part of what authorities described as a burglary crew. He was released from prison in March 2016, and had his voting rights restored after completing five years probation in April 2021, corrections officials said.

Pena ran in November against incumbent state Rep. Miguel Garcia, the longtime Democrat representing House District 14. Pena got 26% of the vote.

Pena, whose criminal past had came up during his campaign, repeatedly made baseless claims that the election was "rigged."

"I dissent. I am the MAGA king," he posted the day after the election.

Pena is scheduled for an initial court appearance Wednesday on charges including multiple counts of shooting at a home and shooting from a motor vehicle, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

No one was wounded in the shootings, which come amid rising threats nationwide against members of Congress, school board members, election officials and other government workers. In Kansas, a trial began this week for a man who prosecutors say threatened to kill a congressman.

Police said Pena had previously shown up uninvited at the homes of two elected officials with what he claimed were documents proving that he had won his race. There was no evidence of widespread voter fraud, or any irregularity involving enough votes to change a result, in New Mexico in 2020 or 2022.

The criminal complaint, which includes testimony from a confidential witness who said he had "personal and intimate knowledge of the crimes" and was present at most of the attacks, says Pena hired a father and son with criminal histories of their own as well as two brothers whom authorities have yet to identify. In one of their text messages, Pena complained that officials certifying the election in November "sold us out to the highest bidder."

The shootings began Dec. 4, when eight rounds were fired at the home of Bernalillo County Commissioner Adriann Barboa. Days later, state Rep. Javier Martinez's home was targeted. On Dec. 11, more than a dozen rounds were fired at the home of Bernalillo County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, police said.

The final related shooting, targeting state Sen. Linda Lopez's home, unfolded in the midnight hour of Jan. 3. Police said more than a dozen shots were fired, including three that Lopez said passed through the bedroom of her sleeping 10-year-old daughter.

The witness said one of the men told the shooters to aim above the windows to avoid striking anyone inside, but Pena wanted them to shoot lower. He said Pena was there at the Lopez shooting "to ensure better target acquisition."

The witness said Pena's gun jammed and did not fire correctly but one of the other men fired multiple rounds from a Glock pistol into the Lopez home.

Pena's insistence that the men be more aggressive made the other participants uneasy "since they knew that doing so would likely end in death or injury," said the witness, who faces criminal charges and has asked for leniency.

Detectives identified Pena as their key suspect using a combination of cellphone and vehicle records, witness interviews and bullet casings collected near the lawmakers' homes.

Technology that can detect the sound of gunfire led an officer to Lopez's neighborhood shortly after the shots were fired.

The officer found bullet casings matching a handgun found later that morning in a Nissan Maxima registered to Pena. Around 1:30 a.m., about an hour after the shooting at Lopez's home, police stopped the Nissan about 4 miles from the lawmaker's neighborhood.

The driver, identified as Jose Trujillo, was arrested on an outstanding warrant, leading to the discovery of more than 800 fentanyl pills and two firearms in the car.

Authorities said Tuesday the investigation was ongoing and more arrests were expected.

White House defends its delayed, limited docs disclosure

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WASHINGTON

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre defends President Joe Biden and his team. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

By Colleen Long and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House brushed aside criticism Tuesday of its fragmented disclosures about the discovery of classified documents and official records at President Joe Biden's home and former office, saying it may withhold information to protect the Justice Department's investigation.

Ian Sams, a spokesperson for the White House counsel's office, told reporters that the White House was releasing information as it deemed "appropriate." Responding to criticism of the piecemeal disclosures, Sams said the White House was trying to be mindful of the "risk" in sharing information "that's not complete."

The discovery of the documents in Biden's possession complicates a federal probe into former President Donald Trump, who the Justice Department says took hundreds of records marked classified with him upon leaving the White House in early 2021 and resisted months of requests to return them to the government.

While the two cases are different — Biden for example, willingly turned over the documents once found — it still has become a political headache for a president who promised a clean break from the operations of the Trump administration.

On Saturday, the White House disclosed that Biden attorneys found classified documents and official records on four separate occasions — on Nov. 2 at the offices of the Penn Biden Center in Washington, on Dec. 20 in the garage of the president's home in Wilmington, Delaware, and on Nov. 11 and 12 in the president's home library.

On Tuesday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre referred questions to the Justice Department or White House counsel's office on whether more documents existed and whether they would be disclosed if discovered.

"The president and his team rightfully took action," she said of the turning over of the documents after they were discovered.

Attorney General Merrick Garland last week appointed Robert Hur, a former Maryland U.S. attorney, to serve as special counsel to oversee the Justice Department's inquiry into the documents.

‘The people were living in agony’

Relatives wait for bodies to be removed Oct. 30, a day after a twin car bombing in Mogadishu, Somalia. The government has started it most significant offensive against al-Shabab extremists in more than a decade. **FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/AP 2022**

Somalia encourages ‘people’s uprising’ against al-Shabab

By Omar Faruk
Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Enough was enough.

For 13 years, extremists with al-Qaida’s East Africa affiliate had controlled Mohamud Adow’s village in central Somalia, imposing harsh ideology and arresting local teachers and traditional leaders.

Then, word came that Somali forces in a surprising national offensive had expelled the fighters from nearby villages.

A small group of residents sneaked out one night in August to meet with Somali troop commanders and invited them into their village of Rage-El.

Adow, 80, was among those taking up arms, joining a local militia fighting alongside Somali forces in rural battles with battered guns.

“The people were living in agony,” said Adow, one of several witnesses interviewed.

In what is being called “total war” by the government of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud’s that was elected in May, Adow and others across the Horn of Africa nation are being encouraged to stand up to the al-Shabab extremists who have long embedded in Somali society, exploiting clan divisions and extorting millions of dollars a year from businesses and farmers in their quest to impose an Islamic caliphate.

Last week, Somalia’s government announced a “people’s uprising” as it seeks to pressure al-Shabab from all angles, including financial ones.

It’s being described as the most significant offensive against the al-Shabab extremist group in more than a decade.

And this time, Somali fighters are in the lead, backed by U.S. and African Union forces.

Al-Shabab’s thousands of fighters have held back the nation’s recovery from decades of conflict by carrying out brazen attacks in the capital, Mogadishu, and elsewhere. Over the years, countries from Turkey to China to those in the European Union have invested in military training and other counterterrorism support.

This month, the U.S. made a small but symbolic donation of $9 million in heavy weapons and equipment to the Somali National Army, whose abilities have long been questioned as it prepares to take over the country’s security from an African Union multinational force by the end of next year.

“We cheer the success achieved by Somali security forces in their historic fight to liberate Somali communities suffering under al-Shabab,” U.S. Ambassador Larry Andre said.

Somalia’s government has claimed more than 1,200 militants have been killed since August, according to a database kept by International Crisis Group analyst Omar Mahmood. Such claims can’t be verified.

One key to the offensive’s progress is a population pushed to the brink by a historic drought. As animals and crops wither and die and millions of people go hungry, Somalis who flee al-Shabab-held communities have described the extremists’ harsh taxation demands.

“They are being rented out like houses; they are telling you that their animals are being taken away without permission,” said Gen. Abdirahman Mohamed Tuuryare, a former director of Somalia’s national intelligence agency who leads the offensive against al-Shabab in the Middle Shabelle region. “Even the child born tonight will be required to pay.”

Residents have also described al-Shabab forcing sons to become suicide bombers and killing people at will.

Tuuryare described a bloody battle last year over the Masjid Ali-Gadud community in which he estimated 200 al-Shabab fighters and “many” soldiers were killed. It took time to persuade wary residents to return to a community so tightly controlled that even Quranic schools were closed. Only centers for training bombers and fighters functioned.

After 15 years under al-Shabab indoctrination, Tuuryare said, residents found it hard to grasp that fellow Somalis had come to help them.

One resident, Ibrahim Hussein, was still adjusting. Al-Shabab fighters forcibly recruited teenage boys and forced women into marriage, he said, and people found guilty of adultery would be stoned to death or publicly flogged.

Still, security was good: “For instance, when a prayer is called, everyone goes toward the mosque without closing their properties. Nobody can touch them. If anyone is found stealing, he or she will face amputation of a limb or limbs,” Hussein said.

Winning over such communities, and holding them with effective administration, are major challenges to the Somali government’s goal of eliminating al-Shabab this year. Another is preventing the local militias working with Somali forces from amassing power in a country awash with weapons and turning into a new threat.

“Local forces shouldn’t fight among themselves, shouldn’t turn into thugs,” Tuuryare, the general, said, adding that the government supports training and local security positions for militia members.

“If all this goes wrong and happens to come back, it won’t be easy to reorganize,” Tuuryare said. He expressed his wish for more U.S. military support, including further drone strikes against al-Shabab, and a U.S. campaign at the U.N. Security Council to lift an arms embargo on Somalia for easier access to heavy weapons.

In an analysis for the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, former Somali government security adviser Samira Gaid warned the offensive’s success could be fleeting if Somalia’s still-fragile government doesn’t focus on winning hearts and minds and address the clan rivalries al-Shabab has long used to its advantage.

“This is still a remarkable offensive as, for the first time, we see a citizen awakening that is supported by the federal government,” she said.

For years, Somalis have seen the fight against al-Shabab as led by outsiders like the African Union force or troops from neighboring Ethiopia and Kenya.

Now Kenya is increasing security along the border to find extremists on the run, and the United States this month announced million-dollar rewards for al-Shabab leaders accused of major attacks.

Under pressure, al-Shabab has lashed out, killing at least 120 people at a busy intersection in Mogadishu in October.

But for Somalis long separated from loved ones by the extremists, there is hope.

Hassan Ulux is a 60-year-old traditional elder who left his community of War-isse a decade ago and feared to return until it was recently taken from al-Shabab.

“Praise be to Allah,” he said, finally home. “Now they are on the run. Now we can talk about education and normalcy.”

Teams search for victims Tuesday in Pokhara, Nepal, at the site of Sunday’s Yeti Airlines crash. It was Nepal’s worst aviation disaster since 1992. **PRAKASH MATHEMA/GETTY-AFP**

Families prepare for funerals days after Nepal plane crash

By Anish Bhattarai and Krutika Pathi
Associated Press

POKHARA, Nepal — Nepalese authorities Tuesday began returning to families the bodies of plane crash victims and were sending the aircraft’s data recorder to France for analysis as they try to determine what caused the country’s deadliest air disaster in 30 years.

The flight plummeted into a gorge Sunday while on approach to the newly opened Pokhara International Airport in the foothills of the Himalayas, killing all 72 aboard. Searchers found cockpit voice and flight data recorders Monday, and Tuesday shut off a dam to ease efforts to retrieve the last remaining body from the 984-foot-deep ravine.

Two more bodies were found earlier Tuesday.

The voice recorder would be analyzed locally, but the flight data recorder would be sent to France, said Jagannath Niraula, spokesperson for Nepal’s Civil Aviation Authority. The aircraft’s manufacturer, ATR, is headquartered in Toulouse.

The French air accident investigations agency confirmed it is taking part in the investigation.

The twin-engine ATR 72-500t, operated by Nepal’s Yeti Airlines, was completing the 27-minute flight from the capital, Kathmandu, to the resort city of Pokhara, 125 miles west.

It’s still not clear what caused the crash, less than a minute’s flight from the airport in light wind and clear skies. Aviation experts say it appears that the turboprop went into a stall at low altitude on approach to the airport.

The flight was co-piloted by Anju Khatiwada, 44, who had pursued years of pilot training in the United States after her husband died in a 2006 plane crash while flying for the same airline. Her colleagues described her as a skilled pilot.

In the face of family opposition, she vowed to continue his dream and gave up her nursing career, raising her daughter with the help of her parents. Upon her return to Nepal, she took up flying for Yeti Airlines in 2010, rising to the rank of captain after racking up thousands of hours in the air.

“Anju’s father had asked her not to choose the pilot profession,” said Gopal Regmi, a relative and close friend of her father’s. “After her husband’s tragic death, she was determined to become a pilot.”

The aircraft was carrying 68 passengers, including 15 foreign nationals and four crew members.

Pokhara is the gateway to the Annapurna Circuit, a popular hiking trail in the Himalayas.

On Tuesday afternoon, more than 150 people gathered at Tulsi Ghat, a cremation ground on the banks of the Seti River in Pokhara, to mourn Tribhuwan Paudel, a journalist and editor at a local newspaper, who died in the crash.

As a priest lit the funeral pyre, close friends of Paudel, 37, came together to reminisce.

Funerals for other victims, many of whom were from the area, are expected in the coming days.

The New York Times contributed.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Zelenskyy: 6 kids among 45 civilians killed at Dnipro site

By Hanna Arhirova
Associated Press

A military doctor operates on the hand of a wounded soldier Tuesday in a hospital near the front line in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine. **IHOR TKACHOV/GETTY-AFP**

DNIPRO, Ukraine — The death toll from the Ukraine war’s deadliest attack on civilians at one location since last spring, a weekend Russian missile strike on an apartment building, has reached 45, officials said Tuesday.

Those killed in the Saturday strike in Dnipro included six children, with 79 people injured, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

The toll included two dozen people initially listed as missing at the multistory building, which housed about 1,700, according to Kyrylo Tymoshenko, deputy head of the Ukrainian president’s office.

In Moscow, a makeshift memorial to the Dnipro attack’s victims appeared in front of an apartment building, an unusual act in Russia, where even a hint of criticism of the government’s so-called special military operation in Ukraine is often suppressed. Amid snow, flowers and toy stuffed animals were laid at the monument of prominent Ukrainian writer Lesya Ukrainka, along with a photo of the destroyed building and a sign that read in Russian: “Dnipro. 14.01.2023.”

Meanwhile, the top U.S. military officer, Army Gen. Mark Milley, traveled to a site near the Ukraine-Poland border Tuesday and talked with his Ukrainian counterpart face to face for the first time — a meeting underscoring the growing ties between the two militaries and coming at a critical time as Russia’s war with Ukraine nears the one-year mark.

Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met for a couple of hours with Ukraine’s chief military officer, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, at an undisclosed location in southeastern Poland. The two leaders have talked frequently about Ukraine’s military needs and the state of the war over the past year.

The meeting comes as the international community ramps up the military assistance to Ukraine, including expanded training of Ukrainian troops by the U.S. and the provision of a Patriot missile battery, tanks and increased air defense and other weapons systems by the U.S. and a coalition of European and other nations.

In Washington, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte during a meeting with President Joe Biden on Tuesday said the Netherlands plans to “join” the U.S. and Germany’s efforts to train and arm Ukraine with advanced Patriot defense systems.

Rutte, in a brief appearance with Biden, did not detail whether the Dutch are expected to send Patriot systems, take part in training or offer some other assistance related to deployment of Patriots. Rutte said he also spoke with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Tuesday about the Netherlands’ efforts.

Ukraine’s first lady was also doing her part Tuesday to help. She pressed world leaders and corporate executives at the World Economic Forum’s annual gathering in Davos, Switzerland, to exercise their influence against a Russian invasion she said is leaving children dying and the world struggling with food insecurity.

As the first anniversary of the war nears, Olena Zelenska said parents in Ukraine are in tears watching doctors trying to save their children, farmers are afraid to return to their fields filled with mines and “we cannot allow a new Chernobyl to happen,” referring to the 1986 nuclear power plant disaster.

Underscoring Russia’s growing military needs, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Tuesday that the country’s military would increase the number of troops from the current 1.15 million to 1.5 million in coming years.

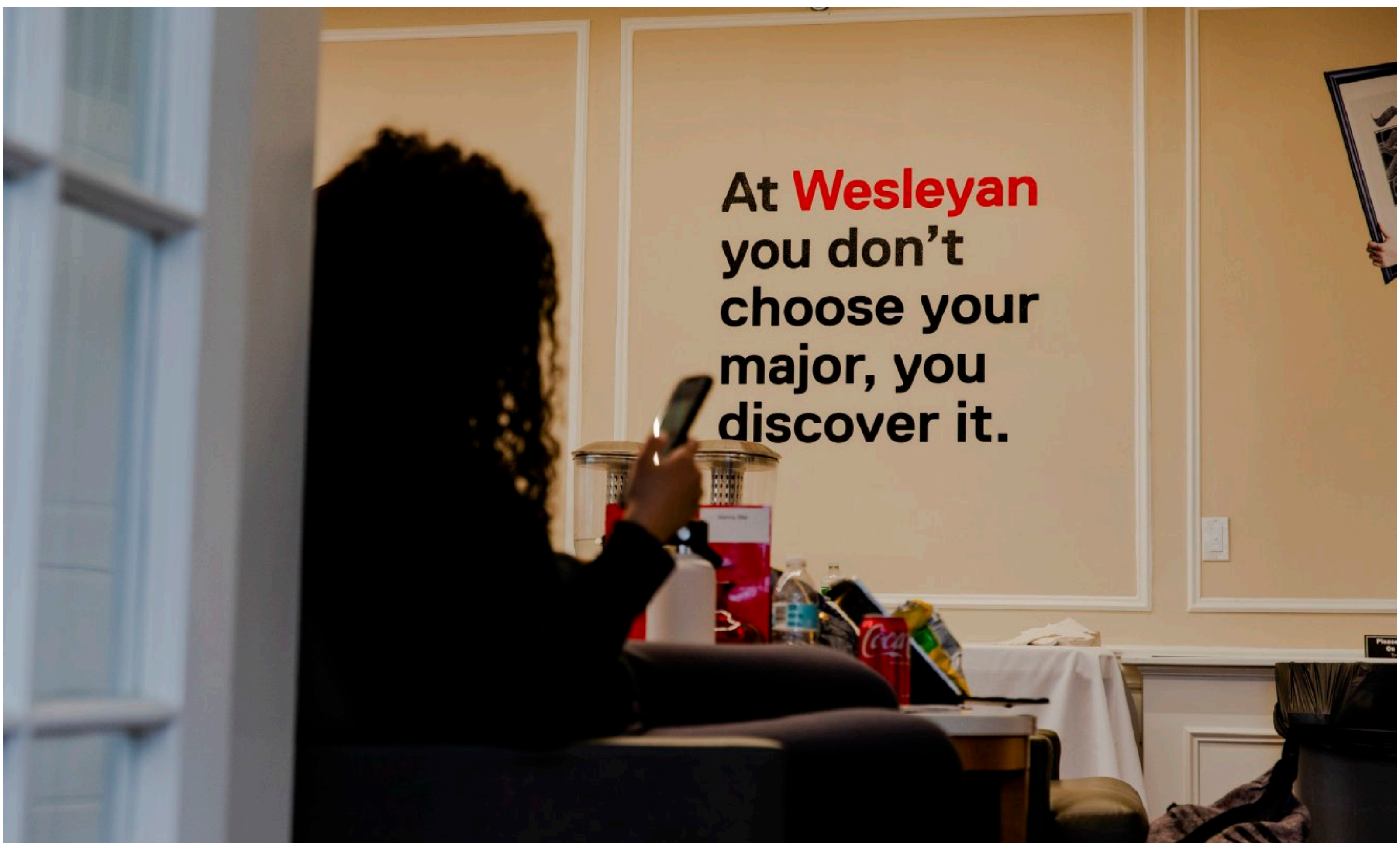
As part of the buildup, the military will form an army corps in the northwestern region of Karelia, near Finland, as well as three new motorized infantry and two airborne divisions. The military will also beef up seven motorized infantry brigades into divisions.

HIGHER EDUCATION

College campus diversity in danger

Admissions won't be same if justices end affirmative action

By Stephanie Saul
The New York Times



The office of admission at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Universities argue that diversity is critical for learning. **BEA OYSTER/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — In 1964, hoping to erase its image as a privileged cloister for white rich families, Wesleyan University contacted 400 Black high school students from around the country to persuade them to apply.

The outreach led to the enrollment of what became known as Wesleyan's "vanguard" class — one Latino and 13 Black students — which helped establish the university's commitment to diversity.

Nearly 60 years later, such recruitment practices face an existential threat.

In cases against Harvard University and the University of North Carolina, the Supreme Court is widely expected to overturn or roll back affirmative action in college admissions. Many education experts say that such a decision could not only lead to changes in who is admitted, but also jeopardize long-established strategies that colleges have used to build diverse classes, including programs that are intended to reach specific racial and ethnic groups for scholarships, honors programs and recruitment.

Those rollbacks could then help spur colleges to end other admissions practices that critics say have historically benefited the well-heeled. Some schools have already ended their standardized test requirements and preferences for children of alumni. There is also pressure to end early decision, which admits applicants before the general deadline.

College officials warn that there is no way of knowing how sweeping the court decision will be. But the ruling, expected by June, is likely to have a broad impact on a range of schools, according to Vern Granger, the director of admissions at the University of Connecticut.

"Most people are thinking about the admissions process at selective institutions," he said, "but I would say that this decision is going to be far-ranging, and it's going to be expansive."

The cases against Harvard and the University of North Carolina, first filed in 2014 by Students for Fair Admissions, an anti-affirmative action group, argued that the universities discriminated against white and Asian applicants by giving preferences to Black, Hispanic and Native American students. The universities said they use race-conscious admissions because diversity is critical for learning, a claim that drew skepticism from the court's conservative supermajority during the October hearing.

Recent polls suggest that most people believe colleges should not consider race or ethnicity in admissions decisions.

If the court rules as expected, the class admitted for the fall of 2024 will look quite different, education officials said.

"We will see a decline in students of color attending college before we see an increase again," said Angel Perez, the CEO of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. "We will be missing an entire generation."

Granger, who also serves as president of the association for college admission counseling, expects changes even at the community college level. Citing drops in applications after statewide bans on affirmative action in Michigan and California, he said some students from underrepresented groups may simply not apply.

The institutions most likely to be dramatically affected are the 200 colleges and universities regarded as "selective" — meaning they admit 50% or fewer of their applicants.

And for smaller, highly selective liberal arts colleges, like Wesleyan, the impact on college culture could be particularly noticeable, as professors on these tightly knit campuses say their small classes thrive on interactions by a diverse group of students.

A group of 33 of these schools submitted a brief in August to the Supreme Court. Some of them had graduated Black students even before the Civil War.

"The probability of Black applicants receiving offers of admission would drop to half that of white students, and the percentage of Black students matriculating would drop from roughly 7.1 percent of the student body to 2.1 percent," the brief said, predicting a return to "1960s levels."

Some schools, including Wesleyan, said they hope increased outreach to underserved communities would offset some of the impact of a Supreme Court ruling. But they may be limited in what they can do.

The court could prevent colleges from purchasing lists of potential applicants that focus on race and ethnicity, a common practice used in recruitment, Perez said.

"Fly-ins," in which certain students are provided expense-paid visits to campuses, could also be on the chopping block. So could scholarship programs designated for students of color, which many rely on to afford tuition.

Colleges are planning behind the scenes for the court ruling, although they are reluctant to release plans, worried about potentially opening themselves up to legal action.

"We don't want to get ahead of the court, and we don't want to give the court any ideas," Perez said.

Some opponents of affirmative action have argued that preferences should be based on socioeconomic class rather than race, and they have also opposed special considerations that benefit the affluent.

No TikTok? At Auburn, move stuns students

Campus restrictions put in place as more states ban video app

By Sapna Maheshwari
The New York Times

Destini Ambus, of Auburn, said she didn't know Alabama's ban of TikTok would affect her. **BOB MILLER/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Destini Ambus, a senior at Auburn University in Alabama, was so surprised last month about a new ban of TikTok on state-owned devices and internet networks that she read the news alert about it aloud to her friends.

"We were like, 'Oh, that's weird, why would she do that,' and laughed it off and moved on," Ambus, 21, the editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, said of the ban, which was ordered by the state's governor, Kay Ivey. "It didn't really occur to me when I saw that first email that it would be something that impacts me directly."

That realization would come a few days later, when Auburn's administration said that it would ban TikTok from campus Wi-Fi networks, joining several other public universities that have recently enacted similar restrictions.

The campus restrictions have come as several governors have banned the video app, which is owned by Chinese company ByteDance, from state-owned devices and networks in the past month and a half. The governors have declared such restrictions while negotiations continue to drag on between TikTok and the Biden administration, which is concerned that the popular app poses a national security risk by possibly giving the Chinese government an ability to surveil users.

Unlike the general state bans, though, the college prohibition brings that geopolitical fight front and center for TikTok's biggest fans — young Americans. Two-thirds of teenagers in the United States use the app, making it second in popularity only to YouTube among that age group, according to the Pew Research Center.

The ban has left students at Auburn surprised and bemused, they said in conversations with The New York Times, especially because they are still able to access TikTok by switching to their data plans on their phones. Most seem prepared to work around it.

But there is also change underway: The campus television station said that it would probably delete its nascent TikTok account.

"Me and my friends have been talking about it ever since we first found out," said Elizabeth Hunt, 20, an Auburn junior from Birmingham, Alabama, who lives on campus as a resident adviser. "I am a little annoyed that now anytime I want to get on the app, I'm going to have to use data and find ways around it."

Colleges in Idaho, including Boise State University, and the University of Oklahoma recently said that TikTok was banned from their campus Wi-Fi networks. Some, like Idaho State University, went so far as to deactivate its official TikTok account. And more changes could be ahead.

Gov. Greg Gianforte of Montana asked the Montana University System to stop allowing TikTok on its networks in a Jan. 3 letter, citing security risks.

In an email to students last week, just before Auburn's 25,000 students returned from winter break, the school reiterated its ban and its effort "to protect valuable information and to reduce the possible cybersecurity threats associated with using TikTok." But it also reminded students that they could still use the app on their personal or even Auburn-provided devices as long as they're using their own cellular service. And the official Auburn Tigers TikTok account, which has 101,000 followers, remains active, although it has not posted since Dec. 2.

TikTok said that it was dismayed by the restrictions.

"We're disappointed that so many states are jumping on the political bandwagon to enact policies that will do nothing to advance cybersecurity in their states and are based on unfounded falsehoods about TikTok," said Jamal Brown, a spokesperson for TikTok.

"We're especially sorry to see the unintended consequences of these rushed policies beginning to impact public universities' ability to share information, recruit students and build communities around athletic teams, student groups, campus publications and more," Brown added.

Students at Auburn say that TikTok is a form of entertainment — but it is also woven into campus life, with people using its short-form videos to highlight the school's football team, sorority recruitment and occasional shopping trends.

Braden Haynes, 22, a senior and station manager of Eagle Eye TV, the student-run television station, said that the station would probably just use Instagram Reels going forward.

Ansley Franco, 21, a senior from Augusta, Georgia, said that when she was in a sorority at Auburn, TikTok became a key way for Greek organizations on college campuses to promote themselves, especially as rush and #RushTok became a national sensation at the school's rival, the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

One former sorority sister at Auburn "did a new TikTok dance every day promoting Auburn Zeta Tau Alpha so people would see how much fun she was having with her 'zisters,'" Franco said, adding that it would be a "huge hit" to Greek life at Auburn if the university's ban extended to sorority TikTok accounts and related hashtags.

Franco said she was not concerned about the security risks prompting the ban — a sentiment echoed by others, including Hunt.

"From what I've heard and talking with my friends, I think we all have the same opinion that it just seems silly and not very warranted," Hunt said. "While I do understand the concern around not knowing where your data is going, that's not a TikTok-specific thing and all social media apps collect your data."

The reactions from students reflect a significant disconnect between TikTok's most avid users in the country and the increasingly bipartisan concerns about privacy and security risks. Many lawmakers and regulators in the United States argue that TikTok can share sensitive data about the location, personal habits and interests of Americans with the Chinese government, and that the app can be used to spread propaganda.

A bipartisan bill introduced in Congress last month would ban the app for everyone in the United States. The attorney general of Indiana has sued TikTok, accusing the company of being deceptive about the security and privacy risks posed by the app.

Many lawmakers felt vindicated in their fears last month when ByteDance said that an internal investigation found its employees had inappropriately obtained the data of U.S. TikTok users, including that of two reporters. The company said that the employees involved in the scheme — two in China and two in the United States — had been fired.

The Chinese company sought to emphasize its data security efforts over the past 15 months and its recent work moving the data of U.S. TikTok users to a cloud storage system operated by Oracle, a Silicon Valley software company.

Ukraine's cultural heritage falls victim to war

As Russians pillage country's art, they attack its identity too

By Jeffrey Gettleman and Oleksandra Mykolyshyn
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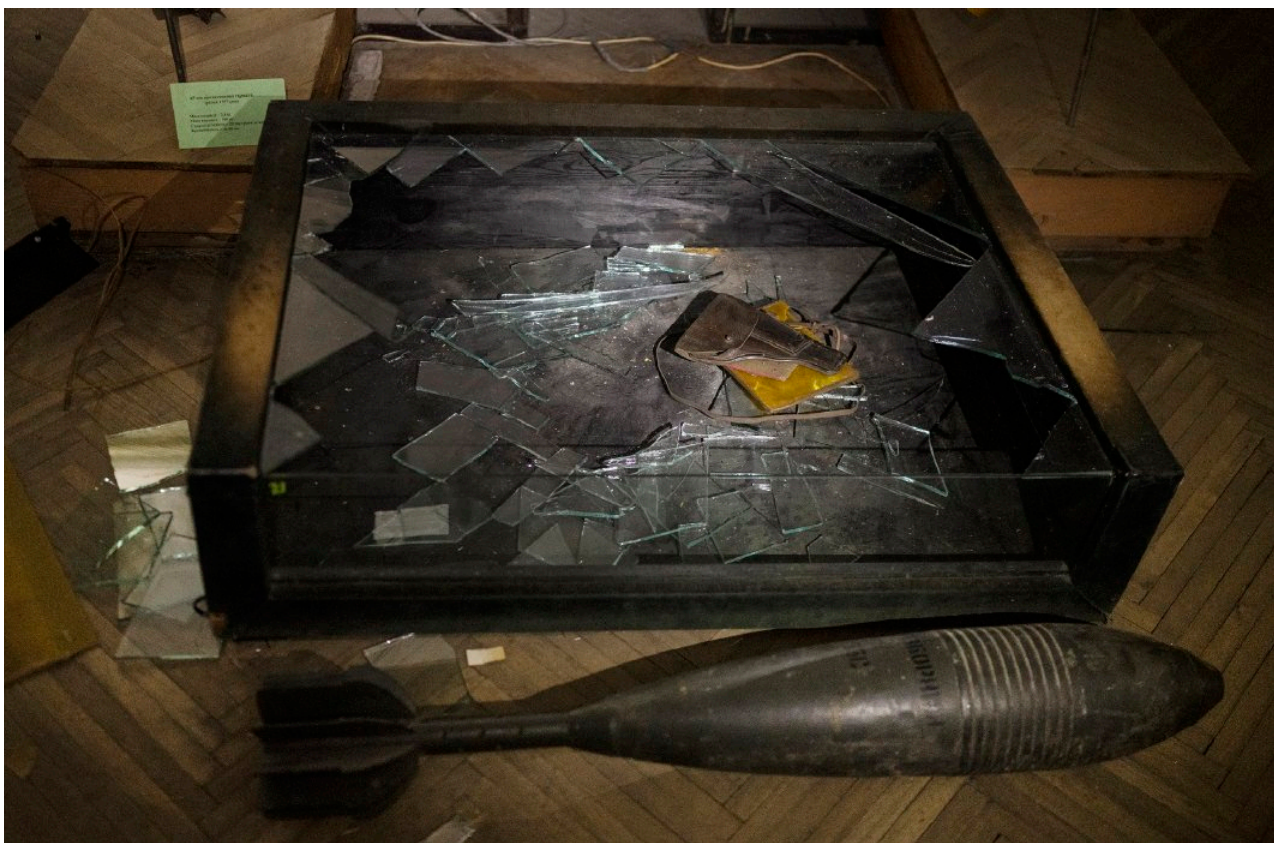

This smashed display in the Kherson Regional History Museum once held a Nazi soldier's medal and identification, along with the signature of Adolf Hitler — all looted by Russian forces, museum staffers say. **LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

KHERSON, Ukraine — One morning in late October, Russian forces blocked off a street in downtown Kherson and surrounded a graceful old building with dozens of soldiers.

Five large trucks pulled up. So did a line of military vehicles, ferrying Russian agents who filed in through several doors. It was a carefully planned, highly organized, military-style assault — on an art museum.

Over the next four days, the Kherson Regional Art Museum was cleaned out, witnesses said, with Russian forces "bustling about like insects," porters wheeling out thousands of paintings, soldiers hastily wrapping them in sheets, art experts barking out orders and packing material flying everywhere.

"They were loading such masterpieces, which there are no more in the world, as if they were garbage," said the museum's longtime director, Alina Dotsenko, who recently returned from exile, recounting what employees and witnesses had told her.

When she came back to the museum in early November and grasped how much had been stolen, she said, "I almost lost my mind."

Kherson. Mariupol. Melitopol. Kakhovsky. Museums of art, history and antiquities.

As Russia has ravaged Ukraine with deadly missile strikes and brutal atrocities on civilians, it has also looted the nation's cultural institutions of some of the most important and intensely protected contributions of Ukraine and its forebears going back thousands of years.

International art experts say the plundering may be the single biggest collective art heist since the Nazis pillaged Europe in World War II.

In Kherson, in Ukraine's south, Ukrainian prosecutors and museum administrators say the Russians stole more than 15,000 pieces of fine art and one-of-a-kind artifacts. They dragged bronze statues from parks, lifted books from a riverside scientific library, boxed up the crumbling, 200-year-old bones of Grigory Potemkin, Catherine the Great's lover, and even stole a raccoon from the zoo, leaving behind a trail of vacant cages, empty pedestals and smashed glass.

Ukrainian officials say that Russian forces have robbed or damaged more than 30 museums — including several in Kherson, which was retaken in November, and others in Mariupol and Melitopol, which remain under Russian occupation. With Ukrainian investigators still cataloging the losses of missing oil paintings, ancient steles, bronze pots, coins, necklaces and busts, the number of reported stolen items is likely to grow.

The plundering is hardly a case of random or opportunistic misbehavior by a few ill-behaved troops, Ukrainian officials and international experts say, or even a desire to turn a quick profit on the black market. Instead, they believe the thefts are a broadside attack on Ukrainian pride, culture and identity, consistent with the imperial attitude of Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has constantly belittled the idea of Ukraine as a separate nation and used that as a central rationale for his invasion.

"It's not like one soldier putting a silver chalice in his rucksack," said James Ratcliffe, general counsel of the Art Loss Register, a London-based organization that traces stolen art. "This is a far, far larger scale."

At one museum in Melitopol, a southern Ukrainian city that the Russians seized in the first days of the war, witnesses said that a mysterious man in a white lab coat had arrived to carefully extract, with gloves and tweezers, the most valuable objects from the collection, including gold pieces from the Scythian empire crafted 2,300 years ago. As he lifted out the priceless antiquities, a squad of Russian soldiers stood firmly behind him, in case anyone should try to stop him.

The Ukrainians have many battles on their hands. Towns in the east like Bakhmut are being pummeled. Drones continue to take out critical infrastructure, plunging thousands into darkness. Vast swaths of territory in the south and east remain occupied, and 1 out of 3 Ukrainians has been forced to flee from home.

But even with the war raging, a group of Ukrainian lawyers and art experts are working day and night to collect evidence for what they hope will be future prosecutions of cultural crimes. In frosty buildings with no power or heat, they make meticulous lists of missing objects, comb through museum records and try to identify potential witnesses and local collaborators who might have helped the Russians steal.

The Ukrainians are also working with international art organizations to track the looted pieces.

"Everyone in the art market is on red alert to look out for this material," Ratcliffe said. "Every auction house that sees material from Ukraine is going to start asking a lot of questions."

His organization, he said, has already registered more than 2,000 items from Ukraine believed to have been stolen and others at risk, including paintings from Kherson's art museum and Scythian gold from Melitopol.

The Ukrainians accuse the Russians of breaking international treaties that outlaw art looting. But the Russians have flipped the narrative and presented their actions not as theft but liberation.

"Don't panic," said Kirill Stremousov, Kherson's Russia-installed deputy administrator, when he explained in October what had happened to the statues that disappeared from Kherson. He said that when the fighting stopped, the monuments would "definitely return," and that "everything was being done for the benefit of preserving the historical heritage of the city of Kherson." Stremousov died in November.

Many of the paintings looted from the Kherson art museum, including classics like "Piquet on the Bank of the River. Sunset," by miniaturist Ivan Pokhytonov, and "Autumn Time," by Heorhii Kurnakov, recently showed up at a museum in Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula that Russia snatched from Ukraine in 2014.

The director of that museum, Andrei Malguin, offered a familiar rationale. "We have 10,000 pieces and we are inventorying them," he told a Spanish newspaper, El Pais. He said his museum was keeping the collection for its own "protection."

Touring Kherson's museums now is depressing. Virtually all of the thousands of oil paintings that had been stowed in the art museum's basement — and the computer records documenting them — are gone.

"I am the daughter of an officer who raised me to be strong, but I cried for two weeks," said Dotsenko, who has worked at the art museum for 45 years.

"No," she corrected herself, "I didn't cry, I sobbed. I bit the walls. I gnawed."

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NEWS BRIEFING

Scotland vows it will challenge decision by UK to veto gender law

From news services

LONDON — Scotland's leader said Tuesday that she will take the British government to court over its decision to block a Scottish law that makes it easier for people to change their gender on official documents.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the Conservative U.K. government was making a "profound mistake" by vetoing the Gender Recognition Reform Bill passed by the Scottish parliament in December.

"It will inevitably end up in court," Sturgeon told the BBC. "The Scottish government will vigorously defend this legislation."

Hailed as a landmark by transgender rights activists, the bill would allow people age 16 or older in Scotland to change the gender designation on their identity documents by self-declaration, removing the need for a medical diagnosis of gender dysphoria.

It would also cut the time trans people must live in a different expressed gender before the change is legally recognized, from two years to three months for adults and to six months for people ages 16 and 17.

The legislation sets Scotland apart from the rest of the United Kingdom, where a medical diagnosis is needed before individuals can transition for legal purposes.

Scotland is part of the U.K. but, like Wales and Northern Ireland, has its own semi-autonomous government with broad powers over areas including health care.

The British government used a rarely invoked power Monday to block the law on the grounds that it could undermine U.K.-wide equality legislation that guarantees women and girls access to single-sex spaces. Opponents of the bill have argued that gender self-recognition could allow predatory men to gain access to spaces intended for women, a claim dismissed as scaremongering by supporters of the legislation.

The move puts the Conservative government in conflict with Sturgeon's Scottish National Party-led administration, which wants Scotland to break from the United Kingdom and become an independent country.

Immigration figures: Nearly 250,000 migrants crossed the treacherous Darien Gap between Colombia and Panama in 2022 on their way north, a figure that was nearly double the number from a year earlier, the International Organization for Migration said Tuesday.

At least 36 migrants died during the journey, but the United Nations' migration agency said the real number is likely higher because some of those who perish in the deep jungle are never recovered.

In 2021, at least 133,000 migrants — mostly Haitian — crossed the Darien, according to Panama's data. Last year, Venezuelans dominated the flow with more than 150,000 crossings.

Brazil riot charges: The office of Brazil's prosecutor-general presented its first charges against some of the thousands of people who authorities say stormed government buildings in an effort to overturn former President Jair Bolsonaro's loss in the October election.

The prosecutors in the recently formed group to combat anti-democratic acts also have requested that the 39 defendants who ransacked Congress be imprisoned as a preventive measure, and that $7.7 million of their assets be frozen to help cover damages.

The defendants have been charged with armed criminal association, violent attempt to subvert the democratic state of law, staging a coup and damage to public property, the prosecutor general's office said in a statement Monday night.

Their identities have not yet been released.

More than 1,000 people were arrested on the day of the Jan. 8 riot, which bore similarities to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol by mobs who wanted to overturn former President Donald Trump's loss in the 2020 election.

Carried away: Police officers carry Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg from the edge of the Garzweiler open pit coal mine Tuesday in Luetzerath, Germany. Thunberg was among hundreds who resumed protests throughout the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Demonstrators are against the destruction of a village to expand the mine. **FEDERICO GAMBARINI/DPA**

Missouri school reopens: A red carpet, welcome signs, cheers and high-fives welcomed students back Tuesday at Central Visual Arts and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis, nearly three months after a gunman killed two people and injured seven others in a rampage inside the school.

The Oct. 24 shooting was among the deadliest school shootings in the country last year.

Student Alexzandria Bell and physical education teacher Jean Kuczka died before police killed the gunman, former student Orlando Harris, in an exchange of gunfire.

Principal Kacy Shahid said the school now has armed security. Therapists and other support services are available.

The incident was among 51 school shootings in the U.S. last year that resulted in injuries or deaths, according to tracking by Education Week. The attacks included the killings of 19 children and two teachers in May at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

Deadly Calif. shooting: A shooter stood over a 16-year-old mother clutching her 10-month-old baby and pumped bullets into their heads in a brazen attack in a central California farming community that left six dead at a home linked to drugs and guns, a sheriff said Tuesday.

Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux said the teenager was fleeing violence early Monday when the killers caught up to her outside a home in Goshen, a community of 3,000 residents in the agricultural San Joaquin Valley, and shot the teen and her child "assassination-style."

"None of this was by accident," Boudreaux said. "It was deliberate, intentional and horrific."

Boudreaux said that the home is linked to gangs and drugs but on Tuesday he walked back earlier comments to reporters that the violence was likely a cartel hit, saying that investigators are still looking into that possibility.

Mideast tensions: Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian militant in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday, the latest in a bout of surging violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said the man, identified as Hamdi Shaker Abdullah Abu Dayyah, 40, was shot and killed by Israeli forces in Halhul, north of the West Bank city of Hebron.

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade — an armed militia affiliated with Fatah, the secular political party that controls the Palestinian Authority — claimed the man as a fighter.

The Israeli military said in a statement that troops in the area were fired upon and returned fire.

Tensions have soared in the West Bank, where the Israeli military has been conducting near-nightly arrest raids since last spring, after a wave of Palestinian attacks against Israelis that killed 19 people. Another 10 Israelis were killed in a second string of attacks later last year.

Nearly 150 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire in the West Bank and east Jerusalem in 2022, according the Israeli rights group B'Tselem.

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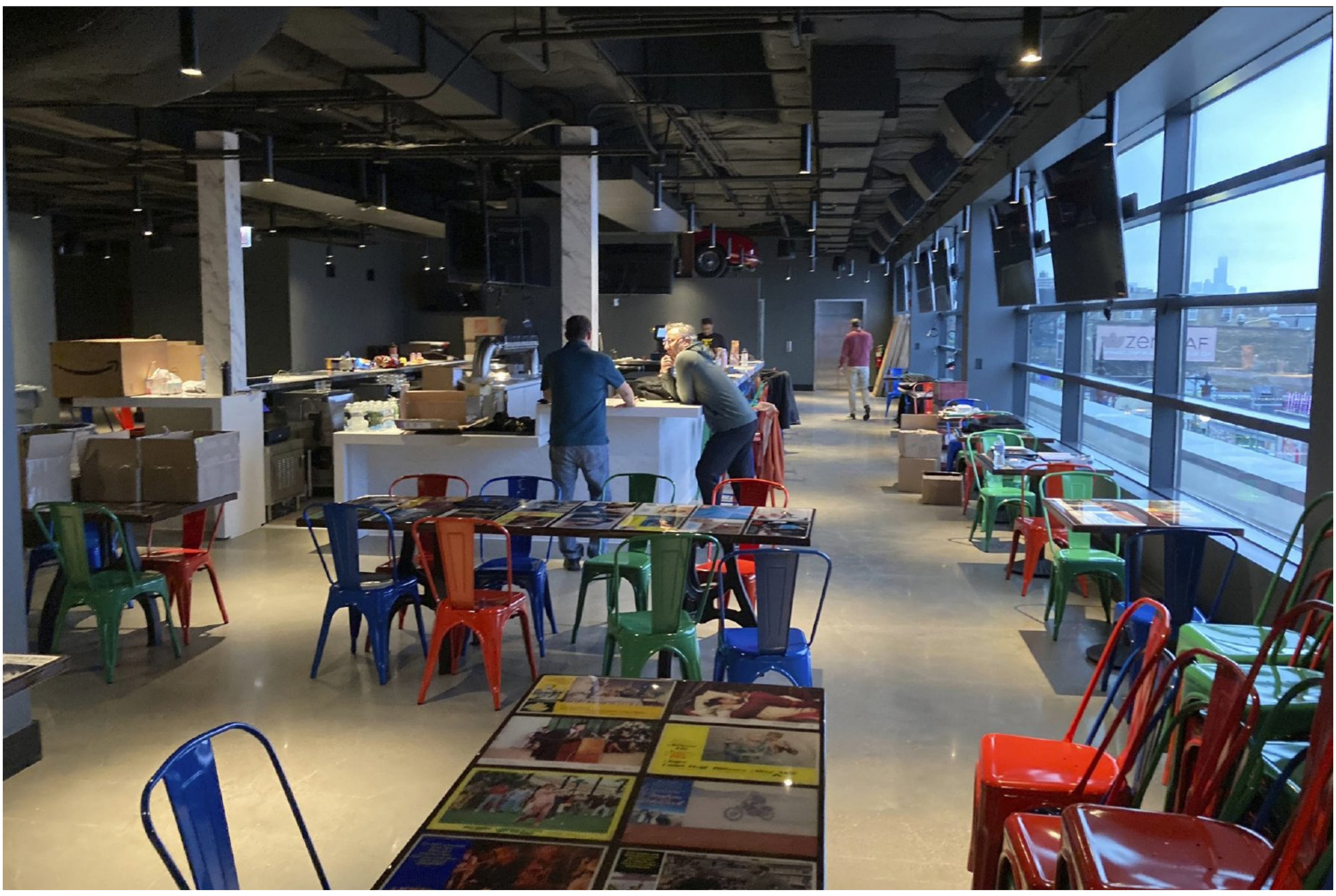

Workers put the finishing touches on the Alamo Drafthouse's third-floor bar and grill overlooking Clark Street, a half-block from Wrigley Field. **MICHAEL PHILLIPS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

The Alamo in Chicago

Popular theater chain opening a Wrigleyville location next week — here's a look

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

A six-screen Alamo Drafthouse multiplex is coming to Wrigleyville, with craft beers, a bright, shiny lobby and the trademark Alamo shut-up-and-quit-texting policy opening Jan. 27.

For months, the website of the Texas-based boutique chain of dine-in movie theaters, now in 22 markets ranging from Austin, Texas, to Brooklyn, New York, has touted its first foray into Chicago. Most recently, an Alamo Drafthouse opened in St. Louis.

News of the Wrigleyville location at 3519 N. Clark St. broke nearly a year ago. "We've been looking at Chicago forever," founder and executive chairman Tim League told me. "A number of deals have fallen through for a number of reasons. But Chicago has long topped the list of cities we weren't in yet. The Alamo does best in cool, dense cities. And that's Chicago."

For those unfamiliar with Alamo's strategy: The theaters offer full dine-in service plus a separate bar and grill in the lobby. The Wrigleyville Alamo, overlooking Clark Street, features six well-spaced

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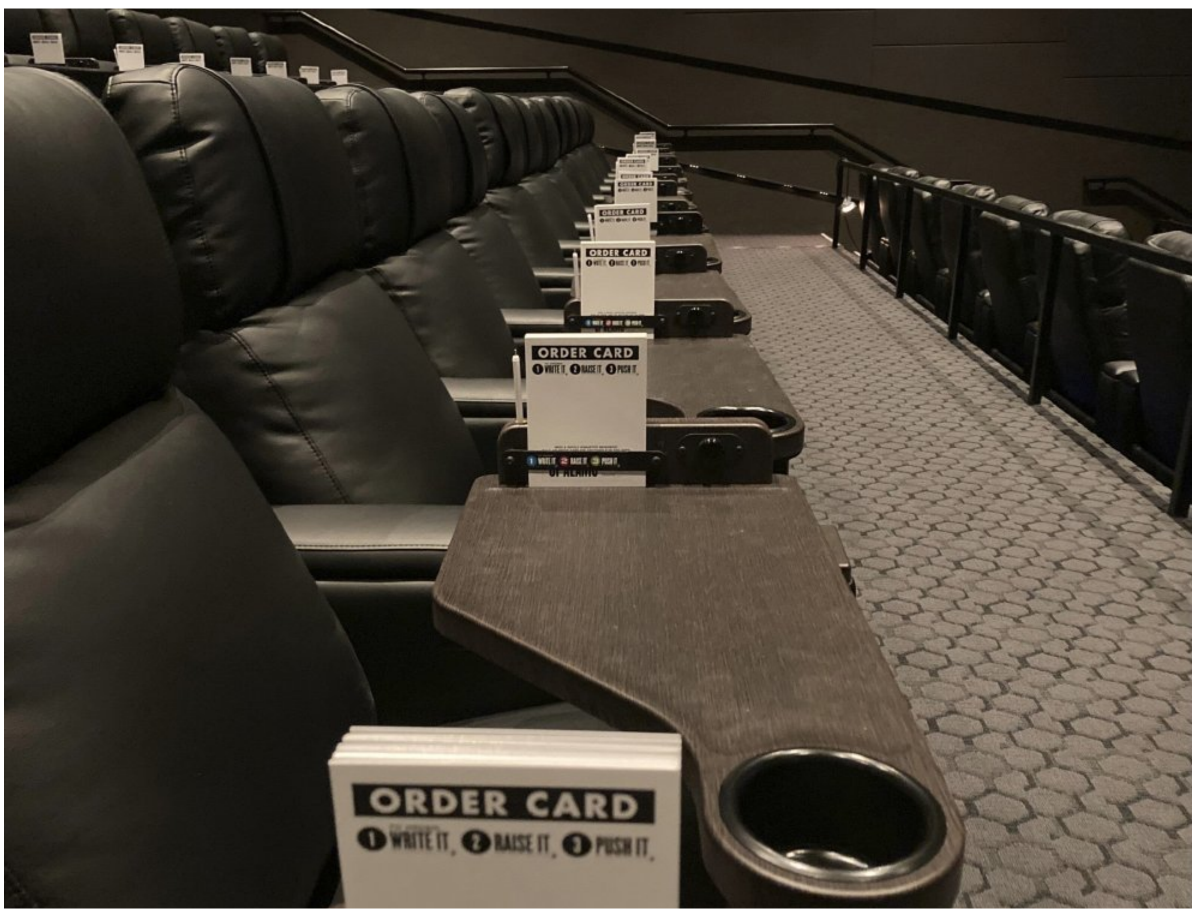

Seats in one of the six auditoriums feature dine-in service cards at the Wrigleyville Alamo Drafthouse multiplex, opening Jan. 27.

For The Curls, everything feels 'more possible'

Band has a new album and a show at Golden Dagger

Britt Julious

Like a lot of artists, the pandemic was a time of emotional and creative strife for Mick Fansler of The Curls. In one instance, he called it his "misery," and the sentiment does not feel like an understatement. For Fansler, the months immediately before March 2020 were ones of immense growth and opportunity. After years of working in the city's independent music scene, 2020 initially felt like a propulsive shot of momentum. And then everything came to a stop.

"Yeah, it was really hard. I think — similar to my friends and their projects — the timing of everything ... We had a lot of stuff kind of coming up. We almost had a whole year kind of booked out for that year and a lot of bigger gigs," recalled Fansler.

In addition to many shows, the group also had a different manager at the time. Fansler described 2020 as a potential "steppingstone year," one that could elevate The Curls to the sort of self-sufficient level of creativity and sustainability that many artists dream about in their careers.

But all of that quickly fell apart.

"So I spent a lot of time at home. I lost my job too," he added.

Still, it was not all for naught. During that extended cultural shutdown, Fansler learned how to self-record, passing files back and forth between himself and his bandmates. Eventually, as things began to open up again, so too did the opportunities for the group to reconnect in person. Rehearsals soon turned into a new record, "Smothered & Covered," released in May 2022.

However, the process of getting from musical isolation to a brand new record had a number of bumps along the way. The band's lineup changed significantly throughout the pandemic, with the group welcoming two new members, last February in order to go on a tour in promotion of "Smothered & Covered." The lineup now is Fansler, Jen Marshall, Matt Puhr and Steve Plock.

Mick Fansler and Jen Marshall of The Curls. The band's lineup also includes Matt Puhr and Steve Plock. **SEAN KELLY**

"We played for the first time like two days before the first day of tour, which is a whole new approach for me because I feel like I'd always been someone that was pretty prepared," Fansler said.

Performance has also opened up the scope of what the group can do. It is easy for a Chicago band to stay a Chicago band. With a robust underground scene and numerous small and large performance venues, many artists are satisfied with largely staying local. But Fansler always had bigger aspirations for The Curls and he believes the many changes the group has undergone over the last three years have helped facilitate their expansion beyond the city's borders.

"Well, I think pre-pandemic (we were) still playing a lot of shows in Chicago. You know, when you're in one city all the time and you kind of identify as a local band. I was hoping to kind of start to view it more as being like a traveling band," Fansler said. "And that's something that I'm more focused on, breaking out of just playing in one place all the time, or only being a part of

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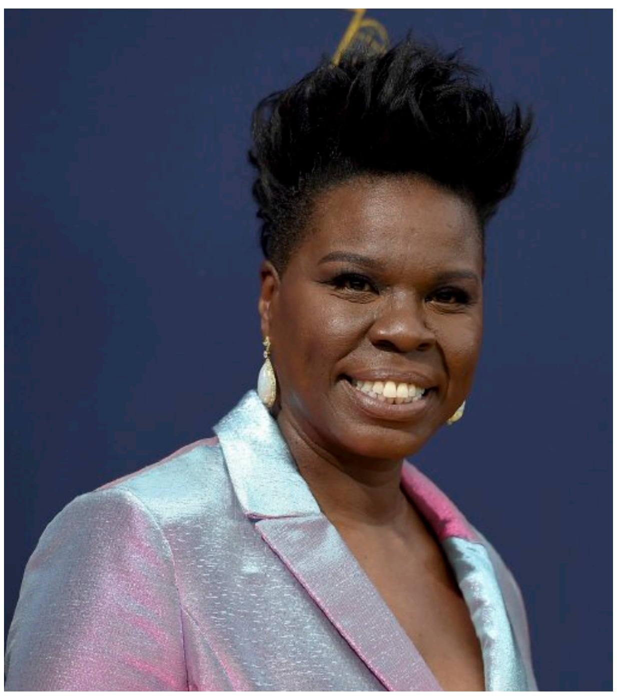
CELEBRITIES

Jones steps in as ‘Daily Show’ host

From news services



Comedian Leslie Jones wraps up her stint guest hosting “The Daily Show” on Thursday. **JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2018**

Comedian Leslie Jones is taking a temporary whirl as host of “The Daily Show” this week, and she says viewers can expect her trademark — some blunt, edgy humor.

“I’m not Jon Stewart. I’m not Trevor Noah. I’m Leslie Jones. So I’ll be bringing that vulnerable honesty,” the “Saturday Night Live” alum joked in an interview ahead of her first night hosting Tuesday.

Jones’ stand-in as host continues Wednesday and Thursday. “The Daily Show” host Noah stepped down late last year, and a permanent successor has not yet been named.

In a video promotion, correspondent Roy Wood Jr. is seen helping Jones practice identifying prominent people like Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

However, Jones said she has been keeping up with daily events and personalities to ensure “The Daily Show” is still topical under her watch, but she also has her own plans.

“We got already a lot of ideas wrapped up and what we want to do and what we want the show to look like,” she said. “Of course, that changes with daily events. If something big happened, of course, we would have to change it for that.”

Asked if she’d be interested in hosting the show on a permanent basis, Jones was noncommittal.

“I don’t really want to answer that,” she said.

Spacey lauded in Italy: Making his first speaking appearance since sexual assault allegations derailed his career, actor Kevin Spacey thanked the National Cinema Museum in the city of Turin on Monday for having the courage to invite him.

Spacey received a lifetime achievement award from the museum, discussed key roles during a master class and then introduced the 1999 film “American Beauty,” for which he won an Oscar.

“By presenting this award, they are making a strong defense of artistic achievement and for that they should be applauded,” Spacey said of the museum.

The sold-out events were billed as Spacey’s first speaking engagements in five years. He did not directly address the allegations at Monday’s events.

Presley memorial to be held at Graceland: A public memorial service for Lisa Marie Presley will be held next weekend at Graceland, the Memphis, Tennessee, home of her father, Elvis Presley. The memorial for Lisa Marie Presley will be held on the front lawn of the mansion Sunday, according to a representative of her daughter Riley Keough.

Presley died Thursday at age 54. She will be buried at Graceland next to her son, Benjamin Keough, who died in 2020. Elvis and other members of the Presley family are also buried at Graceland.

Madonna unveils tour dates: Madonna will celebrate her hits on a new tour through North America and Europe. The 35-city “Madonna: The Celebration Tour” will kick off July 15 in Vancouver, British Columbia, and end Dec. 1 in Amsterdam. Tickets go on sale Friday.

“I am excited to explore as many songs as possible in hopes to give my fans the show they have been waiting for,” Madonna says in the tour announcement.

Jan. 18 birthdays: Singer Bobby Goldsboro is 82. Musician Brett Hudson is 70. Actor Kevin Costner is 68. Actor Mark Rylance is 63. Actor Jane Horrocks is 59. Comedian Dave Attell is 58. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 54. Actor Jason Segel is 43. Singer Samantha Mumba is 40. Actor Ashleigh Murray is 35. Actor Zeeko Zaki is 33.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Friend’s lavish presents turn into burdens

Dear Amy: I have a casual friend who won’t stop giving me excessive gifts, even after I have asked her to stop.

We take walks together, but we do not share other social activities. She found out when my birthday is and surprised me with a custom-made cake and a large bag full (13 items) of what she called “trinkets,” but some of these items retail for at least $25 to $30 each! I thanked her, but also protested that it was way too much. I tried to reciprocate on her birthday, but could not keep up. Christmas was even worse.

I felt so inadequate and uncomfortable that I talked to my therapist. She suggested picking a time when there are no occasions coming up, and having a frank talk with her about how uncomfortable this makes me.

So I did. I asked her if we could stop exchanging gifts, and she agreed.

Last year around Thanksgiving, I reminded her again to please not get me a Christmas gift, and she responded with an eyeroll and an “OK, sure.”

She waited until Dec. 26 to leave it on my porch, and claims it’s not a Christmas gift! After I saw what was in that gift bag (the total value close to my entire gift budget for my grandkids), I sat down and cried.

Is something wrong with me? I know I’m practical and frugal to a fault. Is this a new normal? Am I really that out of step with the times? I don’t want to seem ungrateful, but how do I get her to stop?

— Retired Recipient

Dear Recipient: You are not out of step. This is not the “new normal.”

You are not practical and frugal “to a fault.” Your walking partner is a boundary-leaper to a fault.

Your choice to follow your therapist’s advice was a good one. You have handled this well. You’ve asked the other person to cease this behavior that has made you so uncomfortable, and she agreed.

I would have reacted the same way you have — bewildered and doubting myself.

Consider returning these gifts. Tell her, “I was honest about how uncomfortable this makes me. I’m upset that you haven’t respected our agreement. I can’t figure out why you don’t understand my feelings, but for our friendship to continue, I need you to agree to stop doing this. Please — no more gifts of any kind. I just want to enjoy our relationship, without anything else attached. Can you do that?”

If she responds with a wink, wink, nod, nod, then you should assume that she will simply never take your needs seriously or respect your wishes.

Dear Amy: My friend says that people hardly ever change. He says that we have to just accept or detach from them. I think people can change. What do you think?

— Brian

Dear Brian: Let me put it this way: I’m convinced that I can change, and yet I know that I’m unlikely to change much.

I also have faith that others can change, but I don’t make the mistake of assuming their changes will be those I’d wish for.

I agree with your friend that dramatic and lasting change is rare, but I take issue with the “accept or detach” idea. Acceptance is a form of detachment in its purest form, but sometimes — when change is necessary for a relationship to continue — if change doesn’t happen, disengagement is called for.

Dear Amy: “Shattered” was a woman who gained significant weight after a bad break-up. Even though she had lost a large portion of it, she still couldn’t stand looking in the mirror or taking photos of herself.

Your advice was sound, but it seems like a good place to also offer advice on practicing body neutrality. We tend to get trapped in a cycle of feeling “ugly,” “gross,” or “unworthy” when our bodies aren’t what we wish they were. It’s so freeing to walk the path of a body being good simply because it is a body.

As someone who struggled with their looks for years, when I began to recognize that my body was good simply because it did the things bodies are made for, I found myself freed from negative emotions connected to its form and began to develop positive feelings toward its function.

— The Owner of a Good Body

Dear Owner: I love the way you expressed this. Thank you!

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Diop inspired by trial to write ‘Saint Omer’

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

French filmmaker Alice Diop, seen Jan. 9 in New York, did not go to the 2016 trial of Fabienne Kabou — who one night in 2013 left her 15-month-old daughter on the beach to die — thinking she was going to make a movie. CHRISTOPHER SMITH/INVISION

In 2016, French documentary filmmaker Alice Diop made an unusual decision. She decided to travel to a town in Northern France to watch the trial of a Senegalese woman, Fabienne Kabou, who one night in 2013 left her 15-month-old daughter on the beach to die.

Diop didn’t tell anyone she was going. She wasn’t even quite sure herself. But what she witnessed over the course of those few days would inspire her first narrative film, “Saint Omer,” which is now playing in theaters.

Quiet and haunting, “Saint Omer” is not your standard courtroom drama, nor is it a garish “true-crime” spectacle. In it, a pregnant novelist, Rama (Kayije Kagame), bears witness to the testimony of Kabou stand-in Laurence Coly (Guslagie Malanda).

Since winning the feature debut award at the Venice film festival in September, “Saint Omer” has continued to collect accolades and nominations.

With an English translator by her side, Diop spoke about her film. This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Why do you think you were compelled to go to the trial?

A: I went to the trial because I had a very strong intuition. But for a very long time, I didn’t know what it was about. I didn’t think, ‘Oh, I’m going to go to the trial and make a film about it.’ I think as a woman, as actually many other women around me, I was completely fascinated by this story. I really went as a woman. What struck me was a sentence that the defendant said to the police. When the inspector asked, ‘Why did you kill your daughter?’ she said, ‘I laid my daughter on the sand because I wanted the sea to take her away.’ For the French, it carries a very profound, psychoanalytic dimension because in French, the mother and the sea are the same word (mere and mer). In my head, I had the fantasy that she offered her daughter to a mother that was more powerful than she felt. It is this imagery of this mythological concept that became a magnet for me. But during the five days that I listened to this trial, I had no idea that it was going to draw me to the deepest, darkest place of my being.

Q: Having a child myself viscerally changed how I processed movies and stories about children in distress. Did you have an experience like that too, as a mother thinking about a story like this?

A: I can’t exactly say that. But it is true that my partner was very concerned by my obsession with this story. Even for me it was a complete mystery. I did not understand why me, as a Black woman, could be so fascinated by this story of a Black woman that had killed her child. That was incomprehensible to me. I’m going to tell you something very personal, which I never talk about. I actually had a very deep postpartum depression when my child was a baby. And I believe that this trial is what helped me heal out of that depression. I not only forgave myself, but I also forgave my mother. It’s as if this trial was helping me, killing all this trauma.

Q: The idea of the invisible woman comes up often. Can you talk about the significance of that?

A: I think it’s a very central point of the film. It frames and puts light on the woman that nobody listened to, that nobody saw, that nobody was aware of. And the mother of this woman, the mother of the character Rama, as my mother and all the mothers of this generation of immigrant women, are women that the cinema never showed or talked about. This is what determined one of the most important concepts of this film, which is those very long one takes so that the audience would finally have the opportunity to intensely observe and listen to these women for the first time. For me, that is a political statement, and it is also what drove me to want to make cinema. It’s a tool to show these women, to put those woman in the center of visibility when nobody else did it, and to understand the complexity of the character rather than the cliché.

Q: The score is also sparse but impactful.

A: I wanted this score, the music, to evoke the theatricality and the myth of emotion that I wanted to bring to the film, like a Greek chorus, a group of women together wanting to observe and watch this strange phenomenon that took place. And as far as the last piece, the Nina Simone song (“Little Girl Blue”) to me is the voice that comes and brings consolation and soothing to everything that we just witnessed.

Q: It is surprising to be able to find catharsis in such a horrifying case.

A: The film works very hard in withholding the emotion, in keeping it inside. There is a liberation of that emotion when we have the lawyer’s closing argument toward the end. Finally, when Nina’s song comes, nobody can hold the emotion anymore, and what people feel is no longer the story of the film, but their own story, as women, as little girls. This film, the way I wrote it, was to give the audience the specter of personal experience as if they had followed the trial themselves. I was in tears at the end of the trial, and I know lots of women who watch it are completely overwhelmed with emotions.

Drafthouse

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auditoriums with seating capacities ranging from 48 to 103.

The Chicago lobby offers a tribute to the days of VCRs and VHS tapes, including 200 VHS tapes and 10,000-plus DVD and Blu-ray titles available to all customers to borrow, for free.

Alamo’s programming relies on roughly 70% first-run mainstream fare; 20% independent and specialty titles; and 10% repertory favorites, according to League.

The Wrigleyville opening weekend lineup tilts more toward Chicago-centric legacy titles, with “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” the original 1992 “Candyman” and two Michael Mann crime films, “Thief” and “Public Enemies,” joining “Avatar: The Way of Water,” the hit killer-robot thriller “M3GAN” and the forthcoming Brandon Cronenberg thriller “Infinity Pool.” Tickets go on sale Jan. 17 at drafthouse.com/chicago.

As tough as movie exhibitors have had it lately, League notes, in 2022 “we were still at 75% to 80% of where we were in 2019, pre-pandemic. There’s a contraction, yes, and for now, less product. But the death of cinema has been foretold since the birth of television. I’m still bullish. I mean, you have a kitchen in your house, but you still go out to restaurants. … We’ll happily coexist with streaming because we’re different beasts.”

Alamo operates on a yin-and-yang strategy: It’s dine-in, with a menu ranging from burgers to buffalo cauliflower to fried chicken wings, but it’s also famous for a no-talk and zero-texting policy. The website puts it this way, cheekily: “We’ll kick you out, promise. We’ve got backup.”

So: Fun, but serious. But fun. That’s the idea.

Alamo has a 10-year lease with options to extend up to an additional 10 years, a company spokesman said. Bucksbaum Properties codeveloped the $150 million apartment and retail complex, originally leasing the third-story, 31,000-square-foot space to the Mexico-based cinema chain Cinemex.

Grupo Cinemex’s build-out of the space ground to a halt in the spring of 2020, which led to Bucksbaum’s federal lawsuit against Cinemex for breach of contract. Crain’s Chicago Business originally reported that development.

Alamo Drafthouse has had its own financial crises related to the pandemic. In 2021 the company filed for restructuring bankruptcy, and its assets are currently in the control of Altamont Capital and Fortress Investment Group. Several Drafthouse venues have closed since, while others have opened in new markets, now including Chicago.

With Cinemex’s conversion of the multiplex largely completed before the pandemic shut down nearly three years ago, the Texas chain with the increasingly wide reach found its Chicago perch, signed the lease and went to work making it its own, from the laminated lobby-card tabletops in the bar to the thoughtfully imposing screen sizes in all six auditoriums.

“We really love Wrigleyville,” founder and executive chairman League says. “We love Chicago, period. It’s a fantastic film town.”

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one community, as opposed to branching out a lot and being more broadly.”

Letting go of some of the control of the band’s life has made a surprising — and delightful — new experience for The Curls. “I feel like that’s kind of the moment that marks coming out of the fog (of COVID) for me a little bit,” Fansler said. An abundance of newness — from shows to band members — also helped usher in a new perspective of how The Curls approach live music and performance in general. In turn, music-making has become a more improvisational, spontaneous and experimental process.

“Life goes on,” Fansler said. “I think that was kind of my moment where I felt like things started to feel more positive again, more possible.”

8 p.m. Jan. 20 at Golden Dagger, 2447 N. Halsted St.; tickets are $12-$15, ages 21+, at goldendagger.com

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TV trailblazer captivated generation with work

Documentary traces life of Anderson, who created 'Thunderbirds'

By Robert Lloyd
Los Angeles Times

Gerry and Sylvia Anderson are seen with some of the "Stingray" puppets in the mid-1960s. **CHRIS WARE/GETTY**

We recently saw the American DVD release of "Gerry Anderson: A Life Uncharted," a new documentary on the British producer, writer and director best known in the United States as the man behind "Thunderbirds," the 1960s slow-action puppet adventure show — "filmed in Supermarionation" — and, among viewers of a certain age (or inclination), for its predecessors "Supercar," "Fireball XL5" and "Stingray."

Boy and man, I was and am a fan of these fanciful series, which are not like anything else television has ever offered, and which, along with later highlights and midlights of Anderson's career, are still in circulation, a decade after Anderson's death in December 2012, on home video and to stream, legally and otherwise. Some have lived on through novels, comics, soundtrack albums, radio dramas, model kits and action figures; to date, there are nearly 250 episodes of the cheery, cheeky "The Gerry Anderson Podcast," co-hosted by youngest son Jamie Anderson.

None of Anderson's series lasted more than a season or two (not even the flagship "Thunderbirds," though it also produced two theatrical features). But this turnover meant that a variety of programs, several co-credited to second wife Sylvia Anderson, were brought to fruition.

These included the live-action "Space: 1999," with Martin Landau and Barbara Bain, in which Moonbase Alpha and the moon itself go hurtling into deep space after a nuclear explosion, and the post-"U.N.C.L.E." Robert Vaughn international detective show "The Protectors," and "Space Precinct," with Ted Shackelford as a former NYPD lieutenant fighting crime on the planet Altor. There was the sci-fi drama "Terrahawks," with its Muppet-style puppets, and the stop-motion fantasy "Lavender Castle." But marionettes are what made him.

Television's first puppet superstar was a marionette, Howdy Doody. There are advantages to that sort of figure — you can frame them from head to toe, place them bodily into a set. But where a hand in a sock can become something quite expressive and convincingly alive, marionettes — with their knees-up walk, their floating arms and bobbing heads, their fairly fixed expressions and utter lack of dexterity — have to work hard to seem at all natural. But those limitations also determined the structure of Anderson shows, which feature moving sidewalks, hovering chairs and scooters and place the characters in cockpits and at consoles, putting the emphasis on the aircraft and submarines and super-cars, the impressive sets and miniatures — blown up or set afire with satisfying regularity. They used the tools of cinema — lighting, camera movement and angles, and clever editing — to make something new and unpredictable.

The Anderson oeuvre proper begins in 1961 with "Supercar," about a nifty land-sea-air vehicle. It began Anderson's relationship with Lord Lew Grade, who would habitually greenlight his projects until the executive's own power failed. "Fireball XL5," a space opera, was next, and then "Stingray," essentially an underwater "Fireball XL5" and the first Anderson production (and British program) to be made in color.

Then came "Thunderbirds," in 1965, the work for which Anderson is most celebrated. If his science-fiction shows had been all about the machines, "Thunderbirds" offered five big craft (and a host of smaller diggers and bulldozers) tooled to accomplish large-scale rescue operations — their enemies were industrial accidents, natural disasters and sabotage — plus a six-wheeled futuristic pink Rolls-Royce. Operations were run from the stylish midcentury modern island headquarters of International Rescue, home to chief Jeff Tracy and his five sons. As in earlier Anderson productions, the main characters were made American, the better to penetrate our insular market.

These shows evince a house style as quickly identifiable, domestically speaking, as the candy-colored, costumed fever dreams of Sid and Marty Krofft — the team behind "H.R. Pufnstuf" and "Sigmund and the Sea Monsters" — or the stop-motion holiday specials of Arthur Rankin and Jules Bass. But for a generation of Britons, they were even more culturally potent. The crafts and characters and catchphrases permeated the national consciousness; the vehicle-stars were, and for some segment of the public are, as familiar in silhouette as the James Bond Aston Martin, the "Star Trek" Enterprise and the Batmobile.

Although Anderson described being "embarrassed" by working with puppets — he would have preferred to direct conventional films — it led him as a result to strive for greater realism in his productions, and to tackle more adult stories and themes. It was this ambition, and its limits, that form the heart of his legacy. What makes his shows permanently wonderful is the way in which their reach exceeds their grasp; they can never be naturalistic, though they are entirely real. Even as you surrender yourself to the story, you're aware of the artifice, the art and craft and invention that went into creating these worlds.

Directed by Benjamin Field, "Gerry Anderson: A Life Uncharted" presupposes a familiarity with Anderson's work, which is seen only in brief clips to comment ironically on his life. But it has plenty to recommend as a story of the British television industry in the 20th century, a turbulent personal drama and an examination of the way in which even unhappy personal experience may be transmuted into appealing popular art. Jamie Anderson is its quasi-narrator, on a journey to understand a father who "produced 18 series and four feature films, owned six Rolls-Royce motor cars, had three children across three marriages, and made and lost his fortune twice over," but who in many ways remained a mystery to him. (Anderson speaks for himself here, with some "deep fake" visuals to accompany tape-recorded interviews.)

Gerry Anderson was the product of an unhappy marriage whose idolized older brother was a Royal Air Force pilot killed in World War II. (His mother told him she wished it had been Gerry who died, a sentiment Anderson himself distressingly echoes.) That Anderson found success making shows about heroic pilots is a point not left unmade, nor is the fact that mothers are significantly absent from his series. In the end, it was all moot. Alzheimer's disease erased both the trauma and triumphs from his memory, if not from the public's. An overflow crowd attended his funeral, and a flower arrangement in the shape of the big green Thunderbird 2 sat atop his casket.

Wilson continues conversation in film song

Co-writer focused on relationships with deceased loved ones

By Michael Ordona
Los Angeles Times

A MAN CALLED OTTO
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Rita Wilson contributed the song "'Til You're Home" to "A Man Called Otto" starring husband Tom Hanks. **DIA DIPASUPIL/GETTY**

Rita Wilson had a "visceral feeling" watching the gentle Swedish comedy "A Man Called Ove," in which a curmudgeonly widower's plans for suicide are derailed by the lives of those around him.

As she has expanded her career beyond acting, she has found more ways to express what she's driven to explore. She knew she had to develop an American remake starring her husband, Tom Hanks. But when director Marc Forster suggested Wilson contribute a song to "A Man Called Otto," she didn't write about how nice it is to have friends, or that we all have something to live for.

She wrote about the continuing relationship we have with those we love who are no longer here.

"I've always understood loss," says Wilson, co-writer with David Hodges of the song, "'Til You're Home."

To illustrate, she details her parents' harrowing journeys to the United States from Greece and communist Bulgaria; how she realized as an adult she had a brother, her father's first child, only to learn he had died as an infant. When she lost her father in 2010 (her mother died in 2014), the director Mike Nichols told her, "The conversation continues."

"I didn't understand when he said it. Then you start having conversations with the people you've lost. You're talking to your dad, you're talking to your friends ... and you hear them back," she says, laughing at how that sounds. "It's because you know them so well, you hear what their answer's going to be."

Wilson is best known as an actor and producer (and sometime rapper), but she has released five albums as a singer and sometime songwriter and written songs for a number of movies — not bad for someone whose first recorded compositions came out when she was in her 50s. She took piano lessons as a girl, but never got to the point of considering herself a musician. As a child of the singer-songwriter era of the '60s and '70s, she "was under the distinct impression that, in order to be a singer, you had to play your own instrument and write your own music. Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Stevie Nicks, Carly Simon, you know, all of those ladies."

Wilson started modeling and acting and eventually became a producer (with massive hits such as "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" and "Mamma Mia!"). She got to sing professionally as well, but couldn't imagine herself writing songs until her friend, singer-songwriter Kara DioGuardi, offered to help her write her first songs in the early 2000s.

"I said, 'But I don't play an instrument. I don't read music,'" Wilson says. "She goes, 'Neither do I. Do you have something you want to say?'"

And that's when something clicked for Wilson, whose acting career — while lucrative — hadn't been exactly creatively fulfilling.

"It's that 'warm, kind, nurturing mother-sister-wife-friend' — I love that, but I like to say I've exhausted the canon on those roles. There was a lot I had to say, but there wasn't a place to say it," Wilson says.

More sage advice came when Wilson and Hanks were driving around with another successful musician friend, Bruce Springsteen, just chatting with the Boss about songwriting.

"I said, 'All right, Bruce, I have a question for you,'" Wilson says. "'You've been writing songs all your life. What makes me think' — this will make me cry — 'What makes me think I can start writing music now?' And he said, 'Because, Reets, creativity is time independent.'

"And to me, that was like ... it was full permission."

Wilson says her music career got rolling after that, with the same drive that led her to producing to generating the material she wanted made.

Watching "A Man Called Ove," it's true she and Hanks were looking for a comedy with substance, but there were layers in it that made it necessary for her to spend years developing and producing the project.

"I'm a first-generation American. I understood that my parents were treated differently because they had accents and they weren't educated, but they were smart," she says, drawing a parallel to Otto's Latinx immigrant neighbors in the American film. "There was this cranky guy who was just an awful person. And yet I understood him in some way. I turned to Tom, and I almost couldn't get the words out. 'We have to get the rights to this movie. And you have to play this role.'

"It was about grief, it was about loss. It was about choosing life, ultimately."

Throughout the film, Otto's mind drifts into key memories with his wife as if they were happening then.

Wilson says, "If you're away from your house or (your loved one is) out of town or they have a long day at work, you try to keep that list in your head of all the things that you're going to tell them about your day. 'This happened.' 'I dinged the car in the parking lot at the market.' 'I had a great conversation with my mom today,' or whatever those things are.

"'I can't wait to tell you all these things that happened. Can't wait till you come home.'"

She decided the movie's song should be that conversation, the first verse sung from Otto's wife Sonya's point of view, wherever she is; the second from Otto's.

"The love that you left/ Is burned in my heart/ With dreams in my mind/ Of the next time that I/ Have you in my arms," Wilson sings in "'Til You're Home." But who should take up the other part? She realized there was a chance to reflect how deeply Otto was affected by neighbors Marisol and Tommy.

"I thought, is there a way that Otto could bring Marisol and Tommy with him in a way as he's on his next journey? That would be so cool. And I woke up in the middle of the night, and I was like, 'Sebastian Yatra!'"

That's why it's the Colombian star's voice singing "The best gift of this life/ Is to see you up close/ Now and again/ In the palm of my hand/ I feel your touch."

The full song plays in the movie's end credits, but it also pops in elsewhere to give it extra resonance.

"David Hodges sings it in the body of the film," says Wilson. "In flashbacks, it feels very tender. We wanted it to have a vibe that it could have been a popular song from the '70s or '80s or '90s. (As if) Otto and Sonya said, 'This is our song.'"

What to watch WEDNESDAY

January 18, 2023

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

NBA Basketball

ESPN, Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Live

The Atlanta Hawks are at the Dallas Mavericks and the Minnesota Timberwolves are at the Denver Nuggets for tonight's NBA doubleheader on ESPN.

Chicago Med

NBC, 7 p.m.

In "We All Know What They Say About Assumptions," Goodwin (S. Epatha Merkerson), Maggie (Marlyne Barrett) and Crockett (Dominic Rains) help victims of a hit-and-run accident; Will (Nick Gehlfuss) struggles to diagnose a patient with seizures; and Hannah (Jessy Schram) and Archer (Steven Weber) clash with Jack Dayton (Sasha Roiz).

Nature: 'Wildheart'

PBS, 7 p.m., WTTW Chicago, 8 p.m.

The Scots pine tree, the symbol of Scotland, stands firm against the assaults of a fickle climate and is at the center of a complex ecosystem offering a home to an abundance of wildlife, from the iconic golden eagle to the feisty red squirrel. But as one of Scotland's longest-living species, the tree has also been witness to the island's history. This film depicts 500 years in the life of a Scots pine and its ever-changing wild highland home.

Brother vs. Brother: No Rules

HGTV, 8 p.m.

In "Who's King of the Kitchens," Drew and Jonathan Scott each renovate their kitchen and dining room but run into space and structure issues. Alex Guarnaschelli (Alex vs. America) and Veronica Valencia (Revealed) stop by to judge the rooms and name a challenge winner. The winner is awarded a romantic dinner from a famous Michelin chef.

Home Economics

ABC, 8:30 p.m. ■ Season Finale

In the Season Three finale, titled "Emergency Preparedness Kit, $129.99," a natural disaster strikes, trapping the family under one roof and without power.

Big Sky

ABC, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale

With Denise's (Dedee Pfeiffer) and Emily's (Cree) lives on the line, Jenny (Katheryn Winnick) and Beau (Jensen Ackles) are determined to bring the Bleeding Heart Killer to justice in the third-season finale, titled "That Old Feeling."

Tough as Nails

CBS, 9 p.m.

Season Three competitor and diesel mechanic Quincey Walker returns to guide the crews through a series of auto-service challenges in the new episode "That's a Safety Hazard."

Dirty Old Cars

History, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

'Dirty Old Cars'

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

This half-hour series, which kicks off with back-to-back episodes, follows top detailing shops across the nation that take on the task of rescuing classic cars trapped under layers of muck and decay. In the series-premiere episode, an '81 Camaro Z28 covered in dirt and filth needs a major transformation to get it back on the road, and a '72 Ford Maverick encrusted with years of mold and debris must be meticulously revitalized for a client with sentimental attachment.

Chicago P.D.

NBC, 9 p.m.

In "I Can Let You Go," Sean O'Neal (Jefferson White) surprises Upton (Tracy Spiridakos) with a call from prison, revealing sensitive information. While Upton grapples with how to keep O'Neal at a distance, the team quickly mobilizes to stop a crime in progress before it is too late.

Grown-ish

Freeform, 9:30 p.m. ■ New Episodes

This Black-ish spinoff returns from its Season Five winter hiatus with new episodes, starting with "Fool's Paradise," in which Zoey (Yara Shahidi) and Aaron (Trevor Jackson) have an unexpected run-in at the San Francisco airport, leading them to unpack the highs and lows of their long-distance relationship.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Mission Impossible — Fallout'

CHIABELLA JAMES

Mission: Impossible — Fallout (2018, Action) Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill **FX, 4 p.m.**

Major League (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen **AMC, 4:30 p.m.**

My Best Friend's Secret Life (2022, Suspense) Rene Ashton, Nicolette Langley **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Taking a Shot at Love (2021, Romance) Alexa PenaVega, Luke Macfarlane **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

Redemption in Cherry Springs (2021, Mystery) Rochelle Aytes, Keith Robinson **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

Miss Congeniality (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine **E!, 6:30 p.m.**

Romance in Style (2022, Romance-comedy) Jaicy Elliot, Benjamin Hollingsworth **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Secrets Exposed (2022, Suspense) Carrie Schroeder, Marc Herrmann **LMN, 7 p.m.**

To Her, With Love (2022, Romance) Skye P. Marshall, Tobias Truvillion **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

The Lost Girls (2020, Crime drama) Olivia d'Abo, Jane Widdop **LMN, 9 p.m.**

S.W.A.T. (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell **FX, 9:30 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: Car Chases

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

A tale of redemption is at the heart of the 1980 musical comedy film **The Blues Brothers (pictured),** which stars John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as brothers in Chicago who set out on a mission to prevent the foreclosure of the orphanage where they were raised by getting their blues band back together. The characters were developed from a recurring musical sketch on the long-running NBC series Saturday Night Live. **The Bank Dick** (1940) stars W.C. Fields, who also wrote the screenplay, as a California drunk who accidentally thwarts a bank robbery and ends up a security guard there. In the following film, the Oscar-winning comedy **It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World** (1963) starring Ethel Merman and Milton Berle, a reckless driver causes a massive traffic jam in the California desert and in his dying breath admits to a hidden stolen fortune, causing the other motorists to travel across the state in search of it.

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Controversies, casualties of 'Glee' explored in docuseries

By Ashley Lee
Los Angeles Times

Jenna Ushkowitz, from left, Cory Monteith, Amber Riley, Lea Michele and Chris Colfer in an episode of "Glee." **FOX**

"The Price of Glee," which recently premiered on ID and Discovery+, gathers the most notable news coverage (positive and negative) around the once-beloved Fox series.

Though filmed without the participation of any members of the principal cast or creative team — Kevin McHale and Jenna Ushkowitz, who run a "Glee" podcast, respectively deemed the new series "trash" and urged viewers to "proceed with caution" — the three-part documentary recounts the dark shadows around some of its actors: Cory Monteith's overdose, Mark Salling's arrest, Lea Michele's bullying behavior, Naya Rivera's tragic death, and Melissa Benoist's allegations of domestic violence against Blake Jenner.

The docuseries attempts to assign blame for the various controversies and casualties of the cultural phenomenon. "Part of what has happened on this show is so incredibly toxic, and yet it was a giant hit that everybody was watching, including me," says psychotherapist Stacy Kaiser.

While most of the included information will be familiar to former and still faithful Gleeks, the project did reveal some factoids in its first two episodes, including that social media fueled behind-the-scenes conflict.

Created by Ryan Murphy, "Glee" debuted in 2009, alongside the explosion of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr.

"It's great that fans of a show can come together and connect over things, but the fighting began almost immediately," entertainment reporter Andy Swift remarks in the first episode. "Suddenly, with social media, you can track who the fans are really into because those actors will have the most followings."

The docuseries also lays out how the show's schedule took an unmentioned toll on the cast.

Like other TV shows with musical numbers, "Glee" actors split their time between recording songs, learning choreography and rehearsing entire sequences, in addition to filming each episode's scenes — the latter of which regularly stretched past the usual workweek into Saturday mornings.

But the bigger the ratings grew, the more elaborate the routines became, and unlike other shows, the cast spent multiple hiatuses on national concert tours.

"They weren't getting the time off — for the actors, it became almost a year-round job," says former rigging gaffer J.A. Byerly, who adds that returning to work just weeks after Monteith's death was particularly stressful — a decision made because the series was nearing the notable 100-episode mark, multiple crew members allege.

Fans regularly mobbed the cast when they were shooting on location, and occasionally became invasive. Chris Colfer was kissed by a fan on the mouth without consent, and Monteith had a young woman stalking him.

The production even had to "build a wall from their trailers to the set that was like a tunnel so that the cast could travel safely without the tours bothering them or just people in the parking lot," says Stephen Kramer Glickman, who filmed "Big Time Rush" on the same studio lot.

Such privacy concerns left Monteith isolated, along with being exhausted by the show's filming schedule and the nonstop headlines about his relationship with co-star Michele. "I remember him specifically saying, 'I wouldn't wish fame on my worst enemy,'" says Monteith's former roommate Justin Neill.

Monteith was written out of numerous episodes of the fourth season to attend rehab, but overdosed four months later.

The docuseries also mentions the numerous other actors and crew members who tragically passed away during and after the show's run, which reporter Swift called "rare" for any series.

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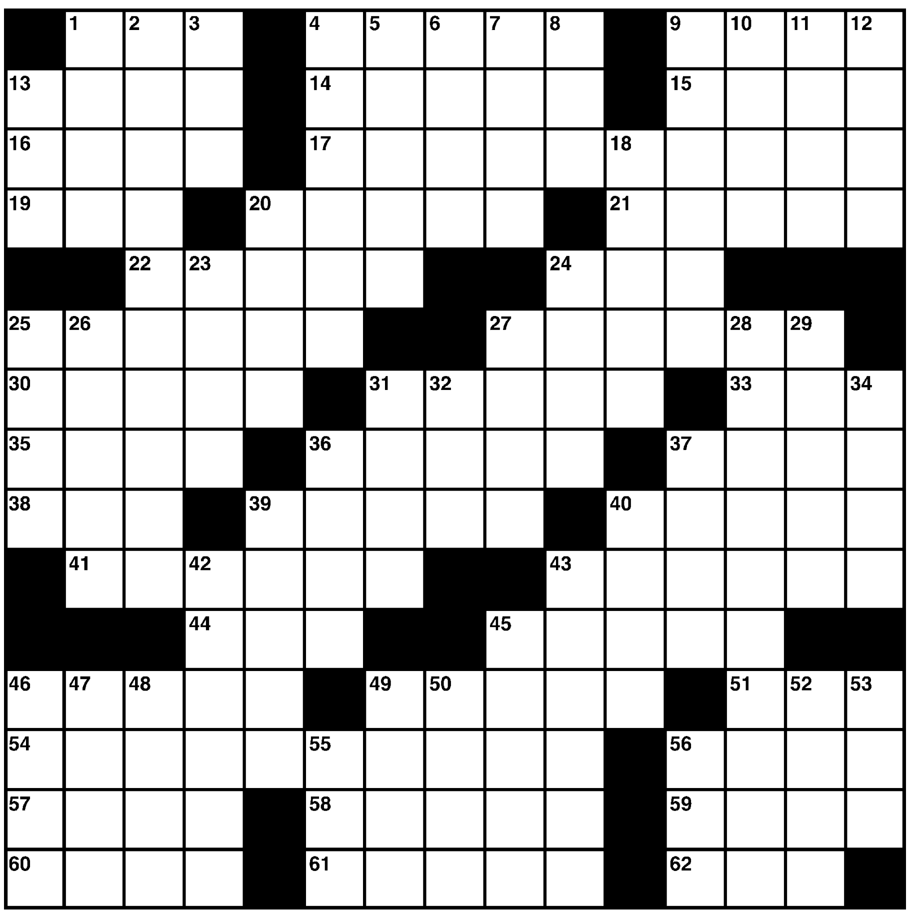

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33 Below __; substandard
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32 Record speed letters
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46 Reach from end to end
47 "__ Grit"; John Wayne film
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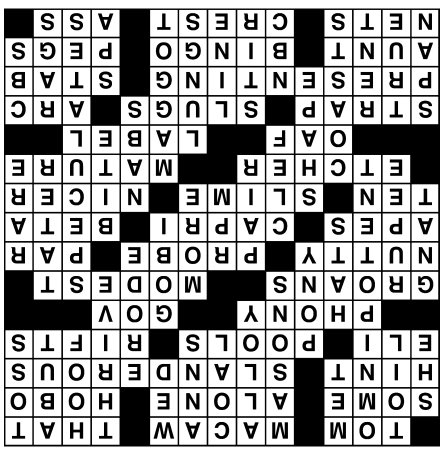


Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 18): Grow at home this year. Steady, disciplined practices earn lucrative rewards. Winter passion cools one direction and heats up another, inspiring family fun this spring. Roadblocks alter summer plans with friends, before an influential career boost illuminates next autumn.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Negotiate, collaborate and network. It's easier to advance professionally, with Mercury direct. Brainstorming gets more productive and creative again. Discuss possibilities. Develop opportunities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Make long-distance connections. It's easier to travel and launch, with Mercury direct. Traffic flows better. Confirm reservations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Buy, sell and discuss finances. Money, invoices and payments flow with greater ease now that Mercury's direct. There's less confusion.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Partnership misunderstandings diminish. Communication clarifies naturally, with Mercury direct today. It's easier to persuade, compromise and reach consensus. Send love letters and invitations.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. A physical obstacle dissolves. It's easier to concentrate and communicate, with Mercury direct for three months. Traffic flows with greater ease.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Listen to your muses. It's easier to express yourself, with Mercury direct. Practice your persuasive arts. Share your passion, possibilities and affection.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Family communications clarify now that Mercury stations direct. Collaborate and strategize. Share your visions. Determine domestic improvements. Clean up messes and resolve irritations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Creative efforts leap forward. It's easier to learn and express, with Mercury direct. Sign papers, post and publish your views. Communicate and connect.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Financial transactions flow better, with Mercury direct in Capricorn. It's easier to discuss money. Confusion diminishes noticeably. Barriers dissolve.

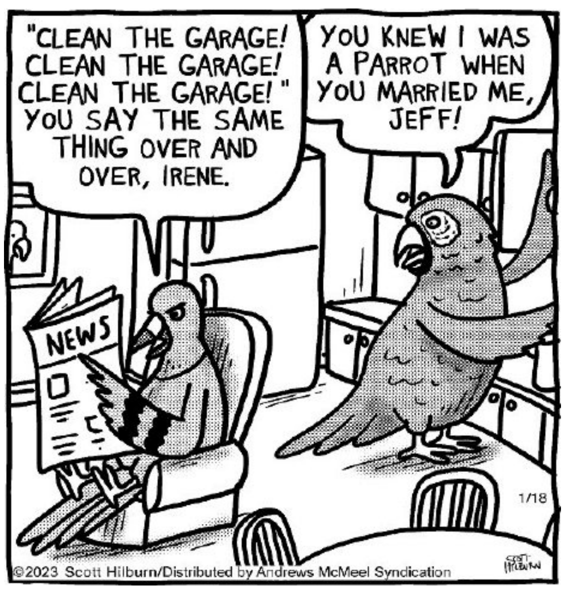
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Listen powerfully. It's easier to resolve misunderstandings, with Mercury direct in your sign. Translate for others who don't get each other.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Consider dreams. Articulate your feelings privately. Words and traffic flow better, with Mercury direct. Review where you've been.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Communication barriers evaporate. Team coordination comes together naturally now that Mercury is direct. Background noise quiets and you can hear each other again.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn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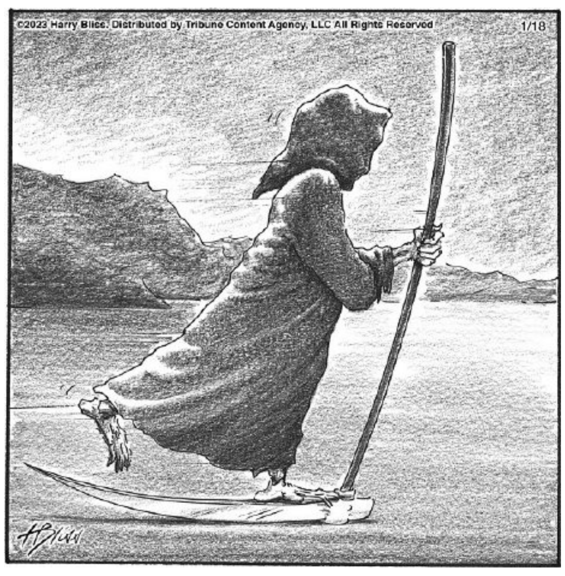
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♥ A Q J 6 3
♦ K Q 7
♣ 10

Today's deal is from a recent tournament in India. South was Indian expert Rajesh Tewari.

Tewari won the opening spade lead with his ace and immediately led the 10 of clubs. West won with his king and led another spade, ruffed low in dummy. A club ruff felled the ace from West, and Tewari ruffed another spade in dummy, over-ruffed by East with the 10. East led a club and Tewari ruffed with the jack of hearts as West discarded a spade.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Opening lead: King of ♠

Tewari cashed the ace of hearts and had to decide how to continue. If the two outstanding trumps, the king and the seven, were split 1-1, Tewari could lead a trump and make his contract. That would be a disaster if one opponent held both trumps. Tewari judged the position well. He led a diamond to dummy's jack and cashed the queen of clubs, shedding his last spade. The hand was an open book when West discarded instead of ruffing.

Tewari led a diamond to his king and led his queen of diamonds to dummy's ace. In this two-card ending, Tewari led a club from dummy and East could not prevent Tewari from scoring the queen of hearts "en passant", or "in passing". Very nicely played!

— Bob Jones
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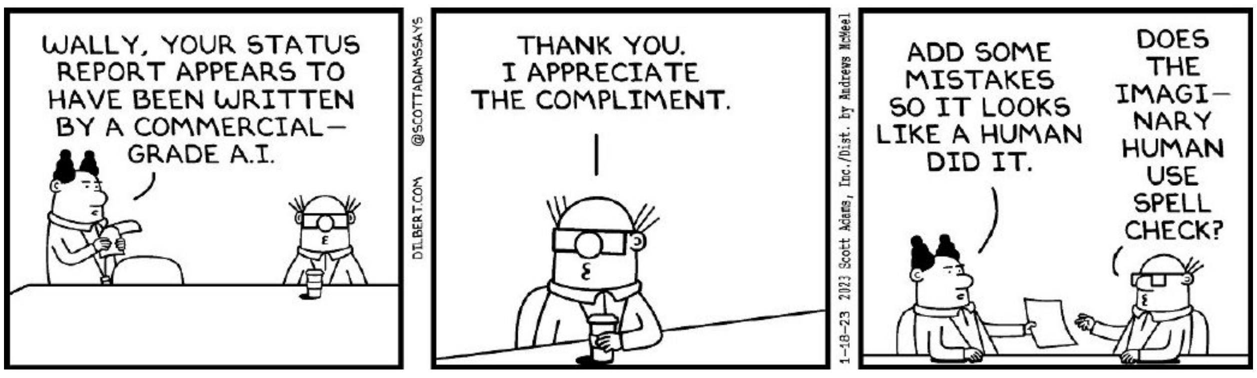
Dilbert By Scott Adams


WALLY, YOUR STATUS REPORT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY A COMMERCIAL-GRADE A.I.
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THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT.
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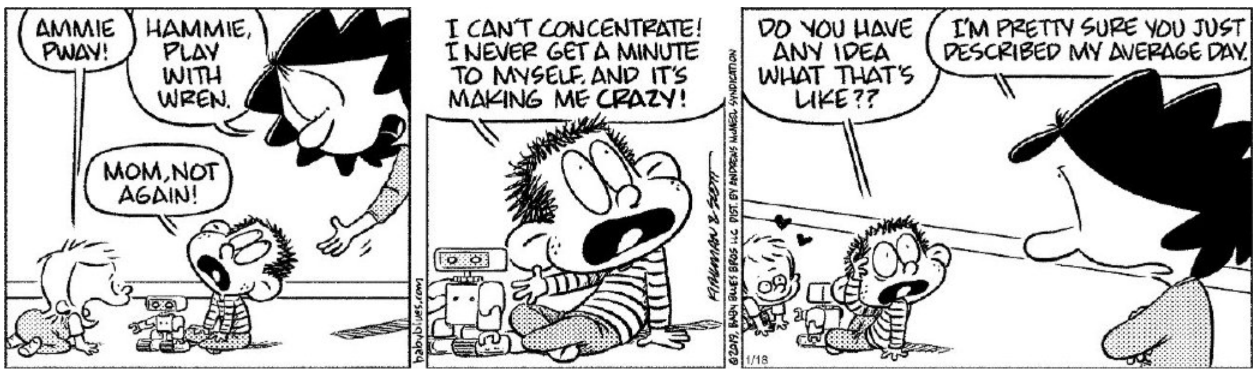
ADD SOME MISTAKES SO IT LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN DID IT.
DOES THE IMAGINARY HUMAN USE SPELL CHECK?

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until January 30. Please enjoy this strip from 2019.)


AMMIE PWAY!
HAMMIE, PLAY WITH WREN.
MOM, NOT AGAIN!
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I CAN'T CONCENTRATE! I NEVER GET A MINUTE TO MYSELF, AND IT'S MAKING ME CRAZY!
KIRKMAN & SCOTT
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DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT'S LIKE??
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU JUST DESCRIBED MY AVERAGE DAY.

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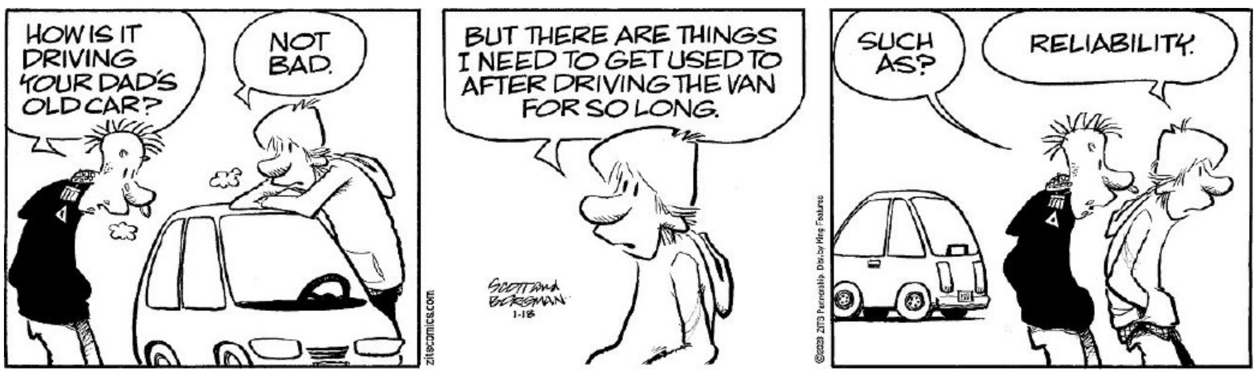
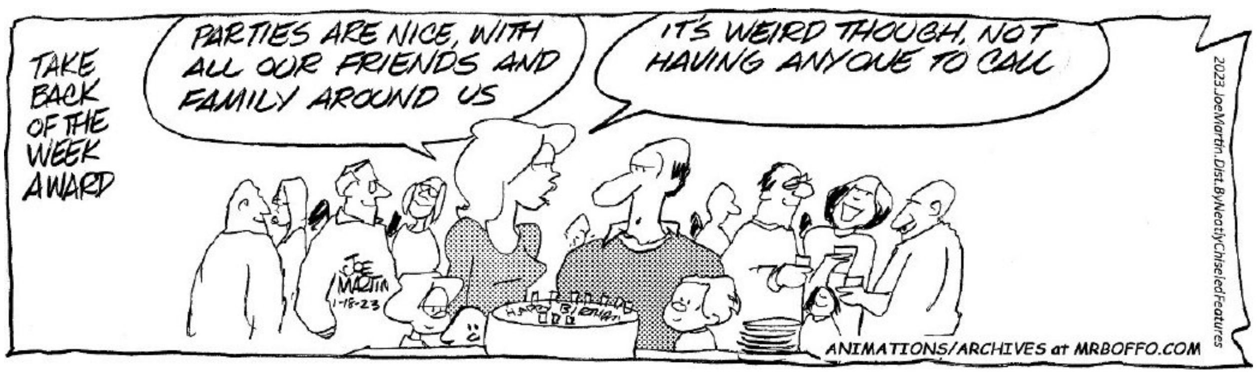

HOW IS IT DRIVING YOUR DAD'S OLD CAR?
NOT BAD.
BUT THERE ARE THINGS I NEED TO GET USED TO AFTER DRIVING THE VAN FOR SO LONG.
SCOTTANDBORGMAN 1-18
SUCH AS?
RELIABILITY.

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin


TAKE BACK OF THE WEEK AWARD
PARTIES ARE NICE, WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AROUND US
IT'S WEIRD THOUGH, NOT HAVING ANYONE TO CALL
JOE MARTIN 1-18-23
HAPPY B'DAY
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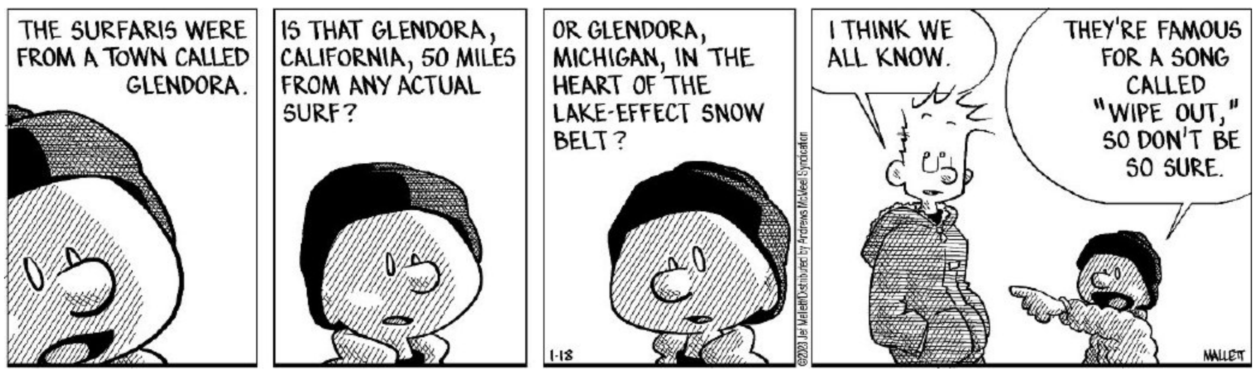
THE SURFARIS WERE FROM A TOWN CALLED GLENDORA.
IS THAT GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, 50 MILES FROM ANY ACTUAL SURF?
OR GLENDORA, MICHIGAN, IN THE HEART OF THE LAKE-EFFECT SNOW BELT?
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I THINK WE ALL KNOW.
THEY'RE FAMOUS FOR A SONG CALLED "WIPE OUT," SO DON'T BE SO SURE.
MALLETT

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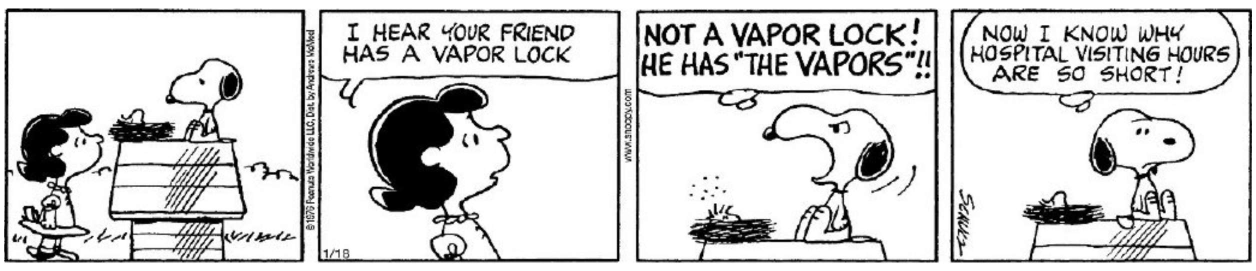
I HEAR YOUR FRIEND HAS A VAPOR LOCK
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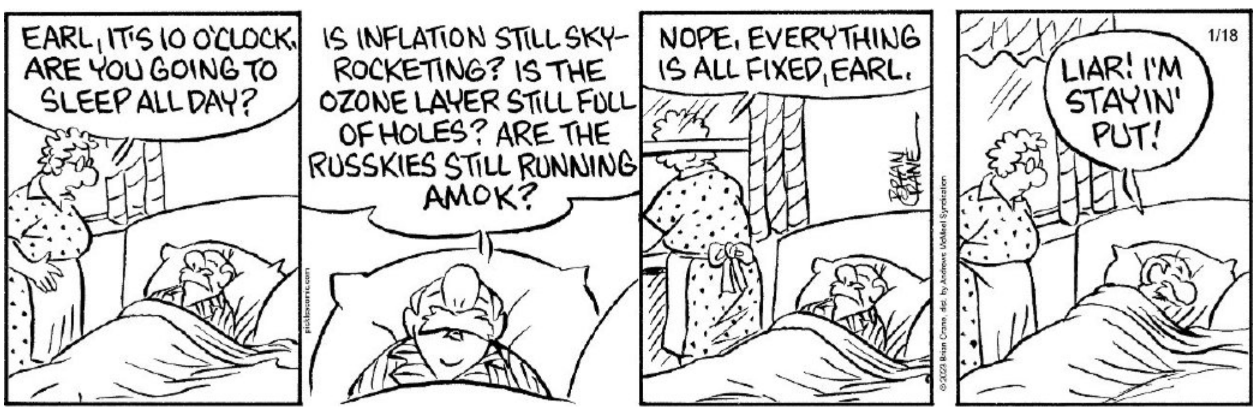
NOT A VAPOR LOCK! HE HAS "THE VAPORS"!!
NOW I KNOW WHY HOSPITAL VISITING HOURS ARE SO SHORT!
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane


EARL, IT'S 10 O'CLOCK. ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP ALL DAY?
IS INFLATION STILL SKY-ROCKETING? IS THE OZONE LAYER STILL FULL OF HOLES? ARE THE RUSSKIES STILL RUNNING AMOK?
picklescomic.com
NOPE. EVERYTHING IS ALL FIXED, EARL.
BRIAN CRANE
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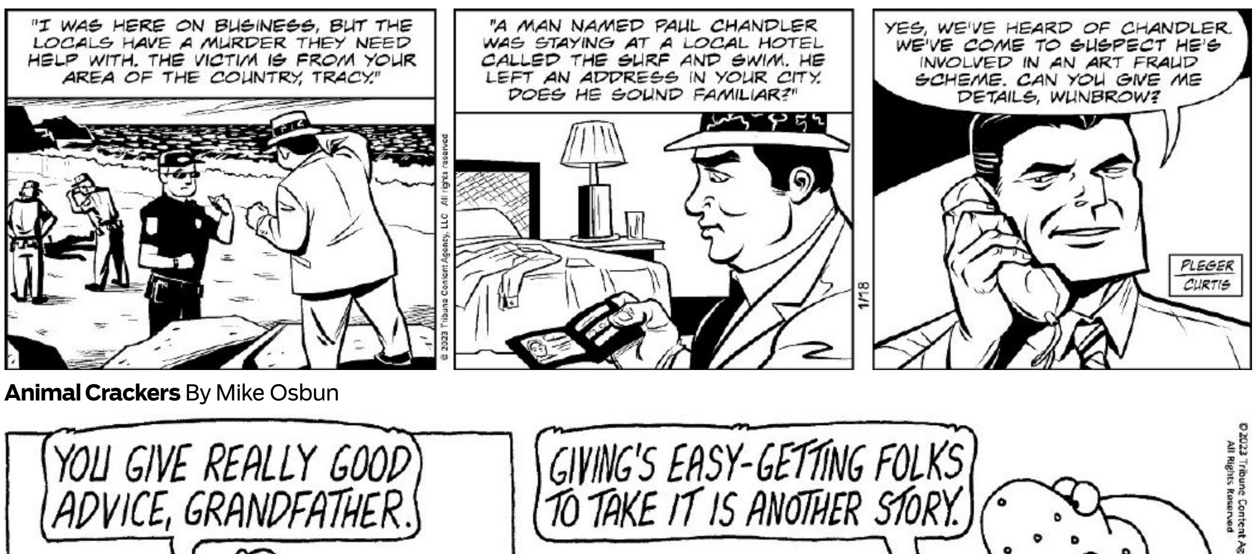
LIAR! I'M STAYIN' PUT!

Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis


"I WAS HERE ON BUSINESS, BUT THE LOCALS HAVE A MURDER THEY NEED HELP WITH. THE VICTIM IS FROM YOUR AREA OF THE COUNTRY, TRACY."
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"A MAN NAMED PAUL CHANDLER WAS STAYING AT A LOCAL HOTEL CALLED THE SURF AND SWIM. HE LEFT AN ADDRESS IN YOUR CITY. DOES HE SOUND FAMILIAR?"
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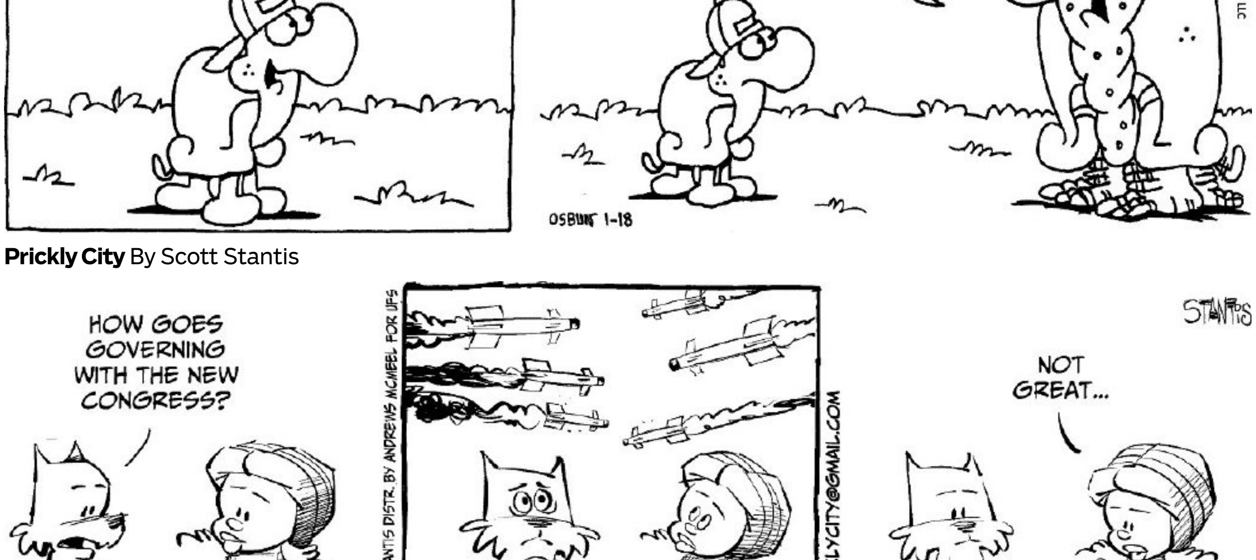
YES, WE'VE HEARD OF CHANDLER. WE'VE COME TO SUSPECT HE'S INVOLVED IN AN ART FRAUD SCHEME. CAN YOU GIVE ME DETAILS, WUNBROW?
PLEGER CURTIS

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


YOU GIVE REALLY GOOD ADVICE, GRANDFATHER.
GIVING'S EASY-GETTING FOLKS TO TAKE IT IS ANOTHER STORY.
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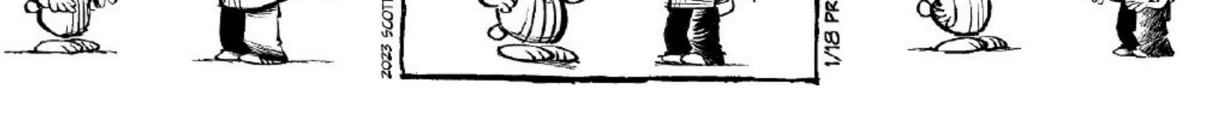
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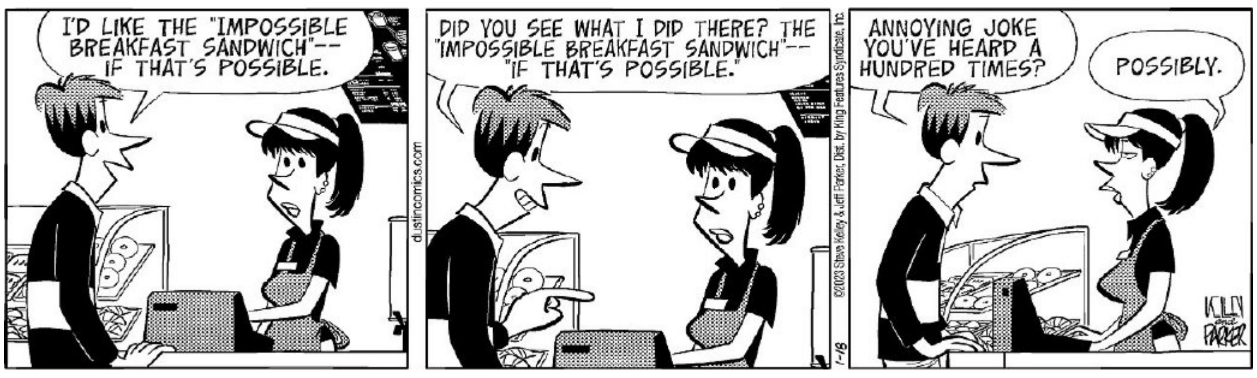
I'D LIKE THE "IMPOSSIBLE BREAKFAST SANDWICH"-- IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.
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DID YOU SEE WHAT I DID THERE? THE "IMPOSSIBLE BREAKFAST SANDWICH"-- "IF THAT'S POSSIBLE."
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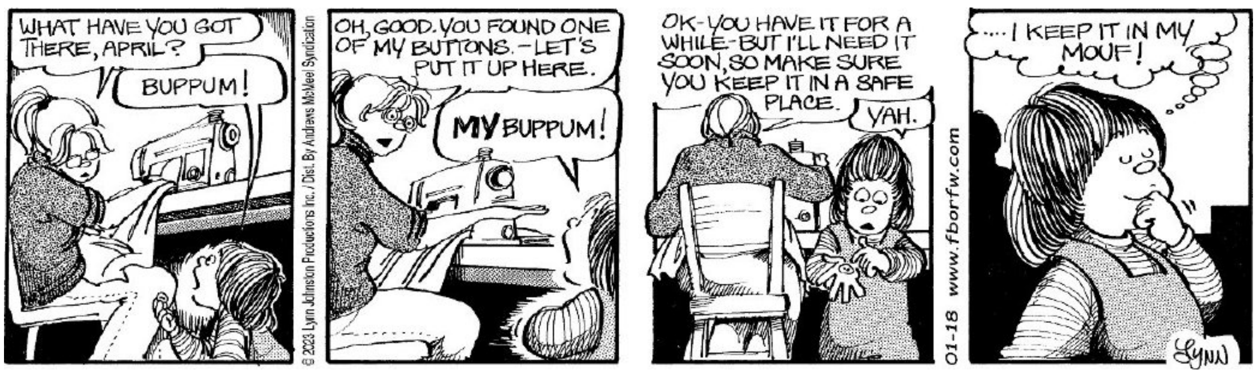
ANNOYING JOKE YOU'VE HEARD A HUNDRED TIMES?
POSSIBLY.
KELLY and PARKER

For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE, APRIL?
BUPPUM!
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OH, GOOD. YOU FOUND ONE OF MY BUTTONS. - LET'S PUT IT UP HERE.
MY BUPPUM!
OK - YOU HAVE IT FOR A WHILE - BUT I'LL NEED IT SOON, SO MAKE SURE YOU KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE.
YAH.
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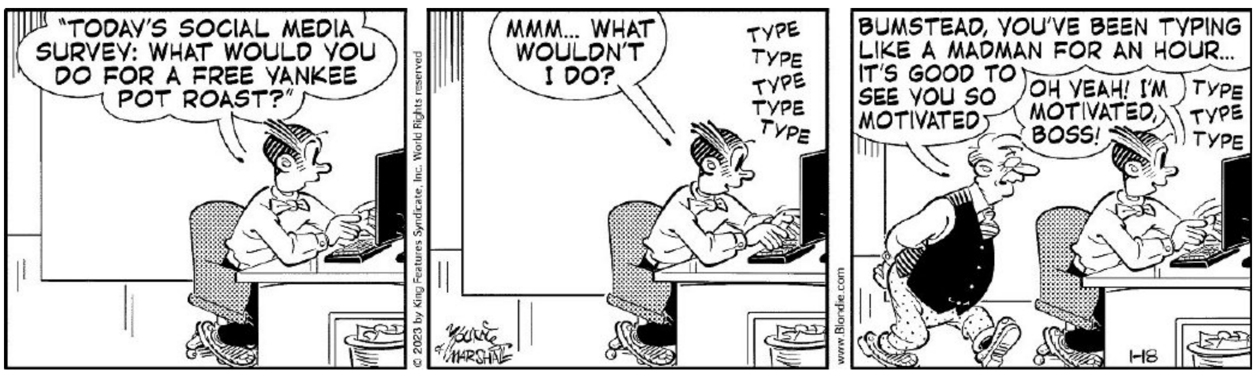
....I KEEP IT IN MY MOUF!
Lynn

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


"TODAY'S SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY: WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR A FREE YANKEE POT ROAST?"
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MMM... WHAT WOULDN'T I DO?
TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE
YOUNG & MARSHALL
www.Blondie.com
BUMSTEAD, YOU'VE BEEN TYPING LIKE A MADMAN FOR AN HOUR... IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU SO MOTIVATED
OH YEAH! I'M MOTIVATED, BOSS!
TYPE TYPE TYPE
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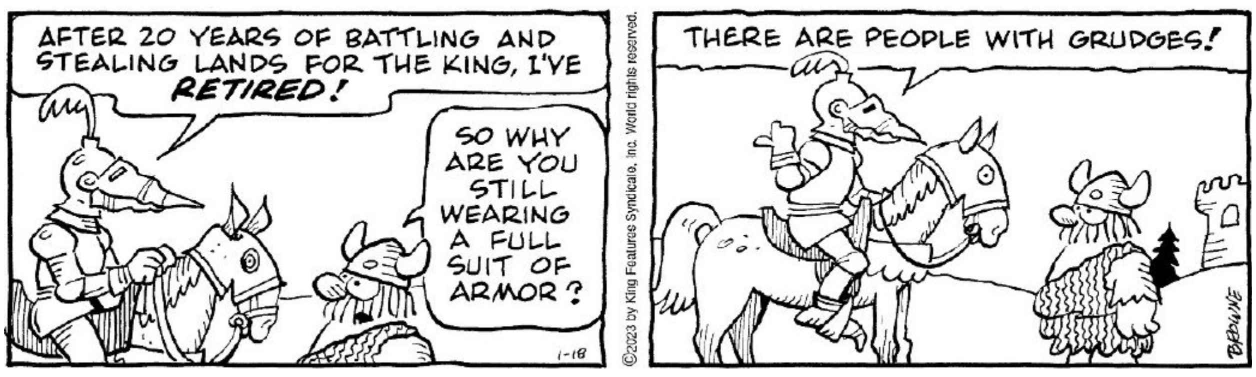
Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne


AFTER 20 YEARS OF BATTLING AND STEALING LANDS FOR THE KING, I'VE RETIRED!
SO WHY ARE YOU STILL WEARING A FULL SUIT OF ARMOR?
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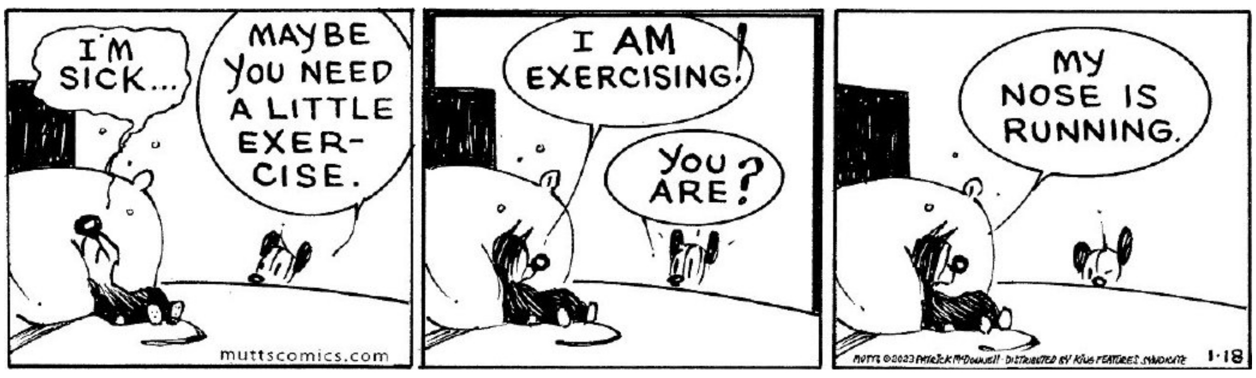
THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH GRUDGES!
BROWNE

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


I'M SICK...
MAYBE YOU NEED A LITTLE EXER-CISE.
muttscomics.com
I AM EXERCISING!
YOU ARE?
MY NOSE IS RUNNING.
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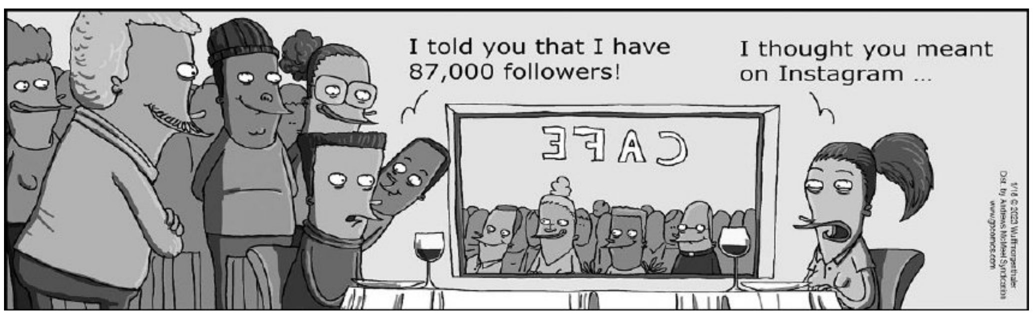
WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler


I told you that I have 87,000 followers!
I thought you meant on Instagram ...
CAFE
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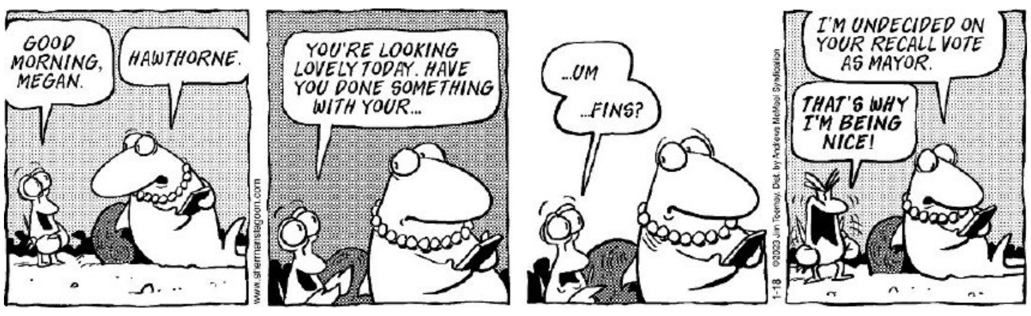
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


GOOD MORNING, MEGAN.
HAWTHORNE.
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YOU'RE LOOKING LOVELY TODAY. HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING WITH YOUR...
...UM
...FINS?
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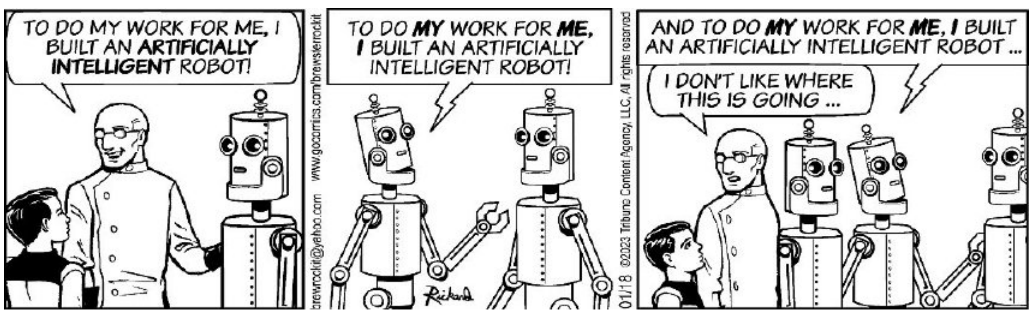
I'M UNDECIDED ON YOUR RECALL VOTE AS MAYOR.
THAT'S WHY I'M BEING NICE!

Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


TO DO MY WORK FOR ME, I BUILT AN ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT ROBOT!
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TO DO MY WORK FOR ME, I BUILT AN ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT ROBOT!
Rickard
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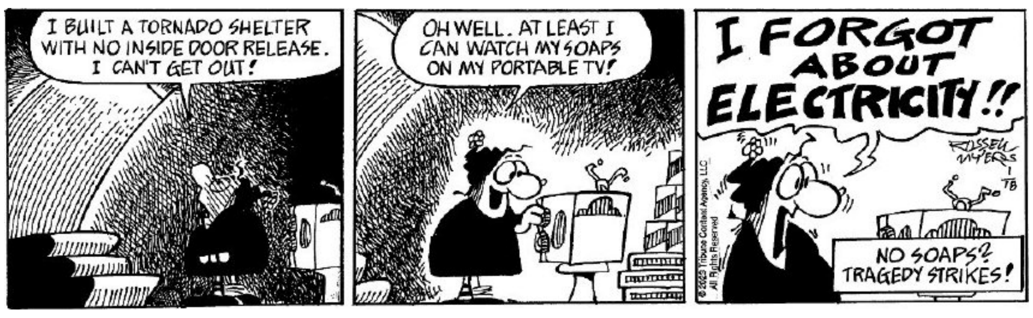
AND TO DO MY WORK FOR ME, I BUILT AN ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT ROBOT...
I DON'T LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING ...

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


I BUILT A TORNADO SHELTER WITH NO INSIDE DOOR RELEASE. I CAN'T GET OUT!
OH WELL. AT LEAST I CAN WATCH MY SOAPS ON MY PORTABLE TV!
I FORGOT ABOUT ELECTRICITY!!
RUSSELL MYERS
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NO SOAPS? TRAGEDY STRIKES!

Trivia Bits

Which water bird figures prominently in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?

A) Albatross
B) Auk
C) Cormorant
D) Seagull

Tuesday's answer: Sometimes called "smell blindness," anosmia is the lack or loss of the sense of smell.

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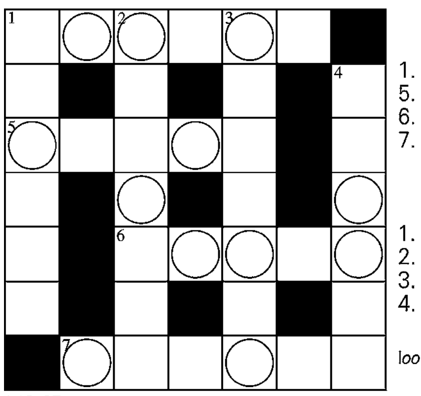
Jumble Crossword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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Bear, withstand	EUENRD
5. Lake ____	UNORH
6. Short	FIBRE
7. ____ formula	RCSTEE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Breathe out	EALHEX
2. Sturdy	UADLEBR
3. Type of investor	RTINERE
4. Gain, surplus	PITORF

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: ____ ____ turned down the role of Mike Stivic on "All in the Family."

BONUS ○○○○○○○○ ○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Endure 5A-Huron 6A-Brief 7A-Secret 1D-Exhale 2D-Durable 3D-Renter 4D-Profit B-Harrison Ford

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku

1 **2** 3 4

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7			4		3			6
		8				7	4	
					2	5		
3						9		8
			8	7	1			
8		4						7
		1	2					
	3	9				4		
2			3		9			1

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

4	6	9	1	2	8	7	3	5
5	3	1	7	4	6	8	2	9
2	7	8	5	3	9	6	1	4
9	1	5	8	6	2	3	4	7
6	4	2	3	1	7	9	5	8
3	8	7	9	5	4	2	6	1
7	5	6	2	9	1	4	8	3
8	2	3	4	7	5	1	9	6
1	9	4	6	8	3	5	7	2

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Jumble

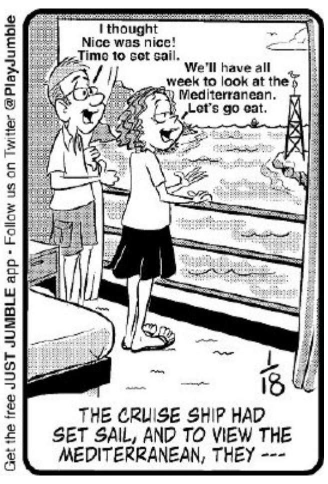
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

FONET

OZKOA

SNKARH

NBOLGO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I thought Nice was nice! Time to set sail.
We'll have all week to look at the Mediterranean. Let's go eat.
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THE CRUISE SHIP HAD SET SAIL, AND TO VIEW THE MEDITERRANEAN, THEY ---

Answer here

○○○○ ○ "○○○○○-○○○○"

Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: AFTER CLOAK DIVINE EXCESS
Answer: After the birds interrupted the filming of the movie, they — FLED THE SCENE

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Crossword

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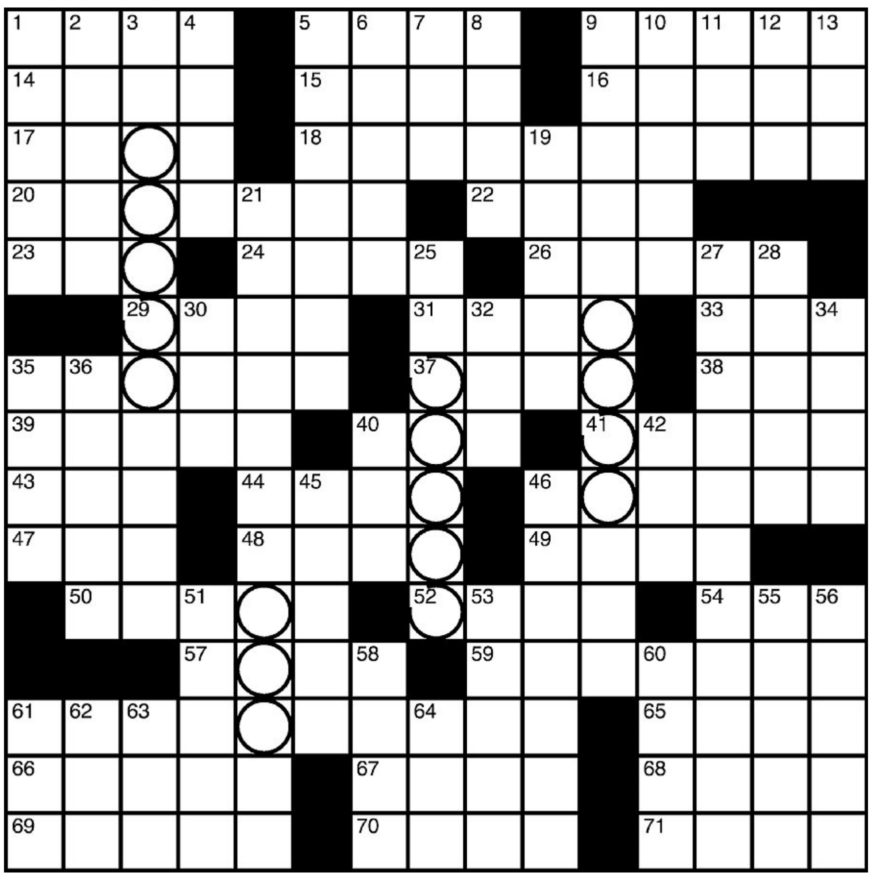

Across

1 Droops
5 Future yearling
9 Lengthy test answer
14 Furrow maker
15 Off course
16 __ lazuli
17 To whom Rick says, "The Germans wore gray. You wore blue"
18 Commits an email faux pas
20 Wannabe
22 Inscribe
23 Lamb nurser
24 Unaccounted for, for short
26 Prop for Gandalf
29 Reader's Digest co-founder Wallace
31 Stink
33 Battery size
35 Space bar neighbor, on a PC
37 Crowdsourced source, briefly
38 Sass
39 Tempter of Odysseus
40 Unit of resistance
41 Matches a bet
43 Post-op area
44 Challenge
46 Undoing
47 Didn't need to be let out
48 "Mamma Mia!" pop group
49 Rider's strap
50 Actress Birch
52 Greenish blue
54 Gimlet liquor
57 Classic PC game
59 Words of apology
61 Salisbury Plain megaliths
65 Michigan, for one
66 Justice Sotomayor
67 Adderall target, briefly
68 Plan from a nutritionist
69 Lack of musical talent
70 "Roar" singer Perry
71 Stops

Down

1 Rub component
2 Greenlight
3 Undeniably accurate statement
4 Convince
5 Like a dreamy look
6 Have because of
7 Dadaism pioneer Jean
8 Crocodile in Bernard Waber children's books
9 Fish that shock prey
10 Beyoncé's "I Am... __ Fierce"
11 Place for some "me time"
12 Feel off
13 DKNY rival
19 Generous response to 59-Across
21 January 1 to December 31
25 Like sous vide cooking
27 Downpour, or when parsed another way, what can be found in this puzzle's sets of circles
28 Stops working
30 Barinholtz of "The Mindy Project"
32 Not so bright
34 Semicircular church area
35 "Dream on"
36 Permitted by law
40 Poetic sphere
42 French pal
45 Embarrass
46 Hybrid genre
51 Labor __ vincit: Oklahoma motto
53 Small cube?
55 Got to
56 Russian refusals
58 Hardwood used for pricey salad bowls
60 Shoppe adjective
61 Oft-redacted ID
62 In addition
63 Number of players needed to play solitaire
64 Secret-protecting doc

Tuesday's solution

W	O	K	S	■	■	S	P	F	■	■	O	T	I	S
A	V	I	A	■	G	R	O	O	M	■	O	U	C	H
V	E	T	O	■	M	I	N	O	R	■	F	R	E	E
E	N	T	■	A	C	R	Y	L	I	C	■	T	B	D
S	T	E	R	N	■	A	T	E	■	H	A	L	O	S
■	I	N	H	D	■	C	A	D	■	A	L	E	X	■
I	M	H	O	■	S	H	I	M	S	■	O	N	C	E
F	E	E	D	■	P	A	L	E	O	■	H	E	A	L
F	R	E	A	K	Y	■	■	■	W	H	A	C	K	S
Y	S	L	■	E	C	O	■	P	H	O	■	K	E	A
■	■	■	A	H	A	S	■	O	A	T	S	■	■	■
■	■	A	N	I	M	A	L	S	T	Y	L	E	■	■
A	L	I	G	N	■	G	O	T	■	O	U	T	T	A
S	A	L	U	D	■	E	P	I	■	G	R	A	I	N
P	O	S	S	E	■	S	E	T	■	A	P	T	L	Y

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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SUDOKU

1								6
6				7		1		
	7	3					5	
		4	2	3	7			
				5				
			1	6	9	2		
	5				6	3	8	
		8		2				1
9								5

Level: 1 **2** 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

1	2	9	5	8	3	4	7	6
6	8	5	4	7	2	1	9	3
4	7	3	6	9	1	8	5	2
8	6	4	2	3	7	5	1	9
2	9	1	8	5	4	6	3	7
5	3	7	1	6	9	2	4	8
7	5	2	9	1	6	3	8	4
3	4	8	7	2	5	9	6	1
9	1	6	3	4	8	7	2	5

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: 'th' words

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

F A I T H F U L L G U H P Z S O N Q
L J I W K M M O C O O Y P K G S S P
B Z I H E J A O I T Z Z N E N I W E
R T S B T T L M H H J A Y E I H A Q
H L L R H N N O R T H E R N H T T X
Y S C E E Y O A R T A A O G T W H M
T A E A L H M M Y E N F E N O O E O
H U R E T H T A W O H M H I L R S T
M T E E T H D E T T E T T H C T C H
R H G S H H A H U H J C I T L H I S
E O A E T T E Y T U H K R E M Y T N
H R D R H R O N M S L N M E C Z E Q
T Q I E W F A B N Q U I E T H H H W
A B R H T G Q T R B Y H R O T T T Z
E M O T H E R H N I N T H R H N A A
F H T I P U G O A T H L A T H E P G
T R U T H L E S S S R E T E H T A C
P Y T H O N S E C N O T H I N G A Y

ANOTHER	GOTH	MOTHS	SWATHES
ANTHEM	ETHEL	NINTH	TEETHING
ASTHMA	ETHER	NORTHERN	THANKS
AUTHOR	FAITHFUL	NOTHING	THEORY
BIRTHDAY	FATHOM	OATH	THINK
BOTHER	FEATHER	PATHETIC	THIS
CATHAY	GATHER	PITH	THOSE
CATHETER	LATHE	PYTHONS	TITHE
CLOTHING	LOATHE	RHYTHM	WEATHER
EARTHEN	MONTH	RUTHLESS	WITH
EITHER	MOTHER	SEETHE	WORTHY

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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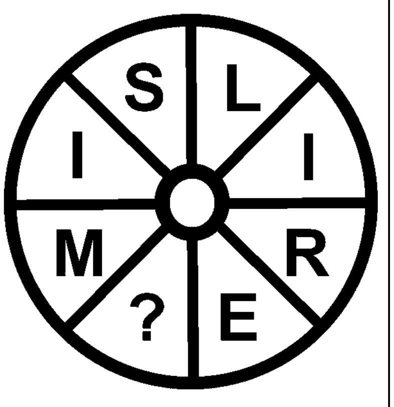
WordWheel



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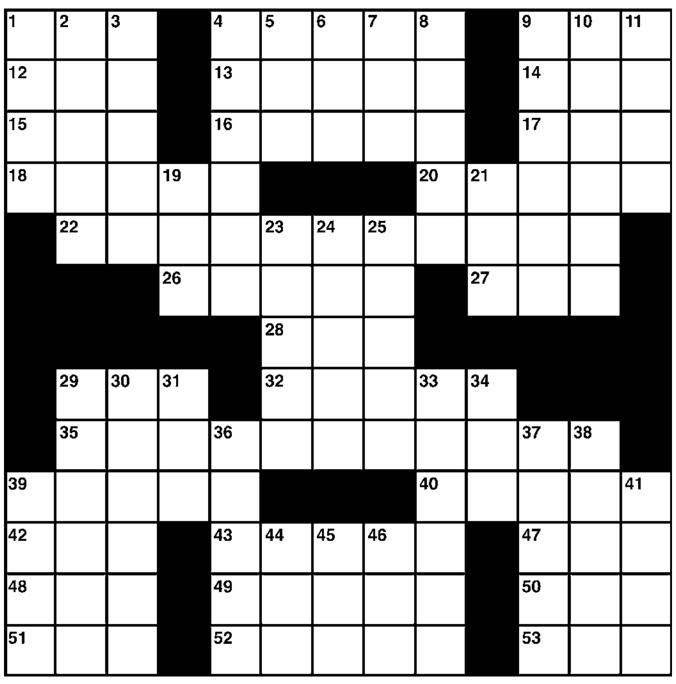
by Jacqueline E. Mathews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ACROSS

1 "The __ News Bears"
4 Somers or Butler
9 Eric Szmanda series
12 Have debts
13 Magazine edition
14 Cariou or Goodman
15 Dallas athlete, for short
16 Furry swimmer
17 Flood refuge
18 Actor Keith
20 "__ Family" (1983-90)
22 Emily Wickersham's "NCIS" role
26 Played a role
27 "The Kids __ Alright"
28 Actor Holbrook
29 Role on "Ordinary Joe"
32 Actress Verdugo
35 Thomas of "B Positive"
39 Phony
40 Environmentalist Ralph
42 Colony builder
43 "2 __ Girls"
47 Time period
48 Bachelor's last words
49 Morocco's capital
50 Gender: abbr.
51 Galloped
52 Friendly relationship
53 Gen. Patton's monogram

DOWN

1 Explosive device
2 In the know
3 "The __ Wears Prada"; Meryl Streep film
4 "The __ Woman" (1976-78)
5 File drawer, perhaps
6 Suffix for long or strong
7 Night we watch "Black-ish": abbr.
8 Come to __ with; accept
9 Din
10 Colorful shawl
11 Tattoo parlor bottles
19 So. state
21 "Eureka!"
23 "I Love Lucy" role
24 Eric __; Barrett Foa's role
25 Sat at a traffic light
29 __ Peet
30 Comedian Berle
31 Football field divisions: abbr.
33 Dan Rather's age
34 "One Day __ Time"
36 "Everybody Loves Raymond" role
37 B's followers
38 "__ Johnny!"; Ed McMahon's line
39 "My __ Lady"; Audrey Hepburn film
41 Freeway entrance
44 Male animal
45 __-Wan Kenobi
46 Actress Dennings

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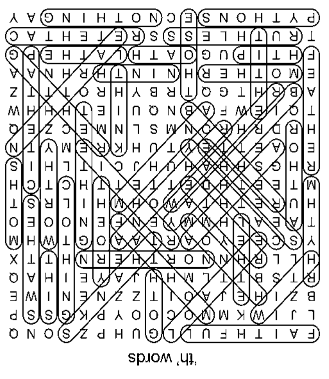

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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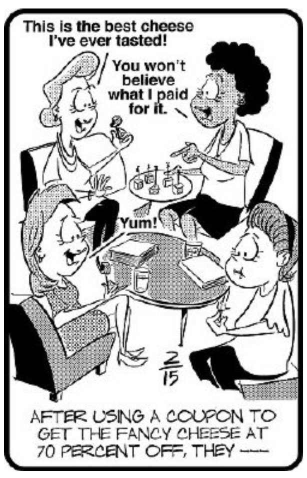

This is the best cheese I've ever tasted!
You won't believe what I paid for it.
Yum!
AFTER USING A COUPON TO GET THE FANCY CHEESE AT 70 PERCENT OFF, THEY —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " - "

Jumbles: VITAL JOIST DEPICT BURGER
Answer: After using a coupon to get the fancy cheese at 70 percent off, they — "SAVER-ED" IT

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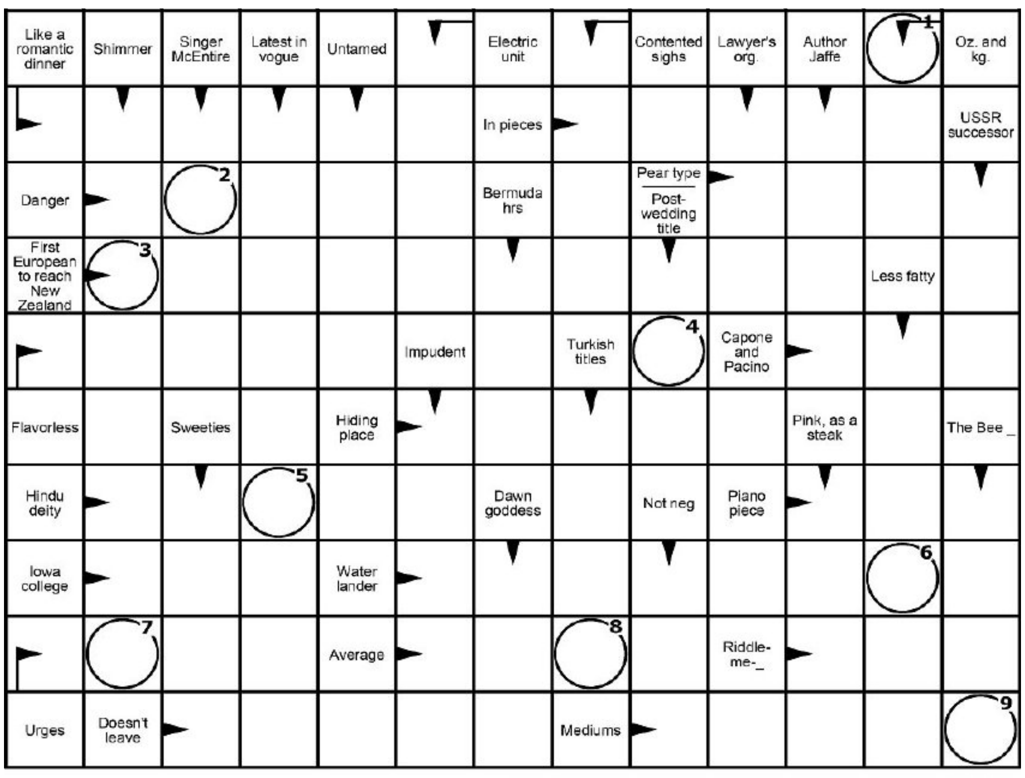
ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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In pieces
USSR successor
Danger
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Pear type
Post-wedding title
First European to reach New Zealand
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Less fatty
Impudent
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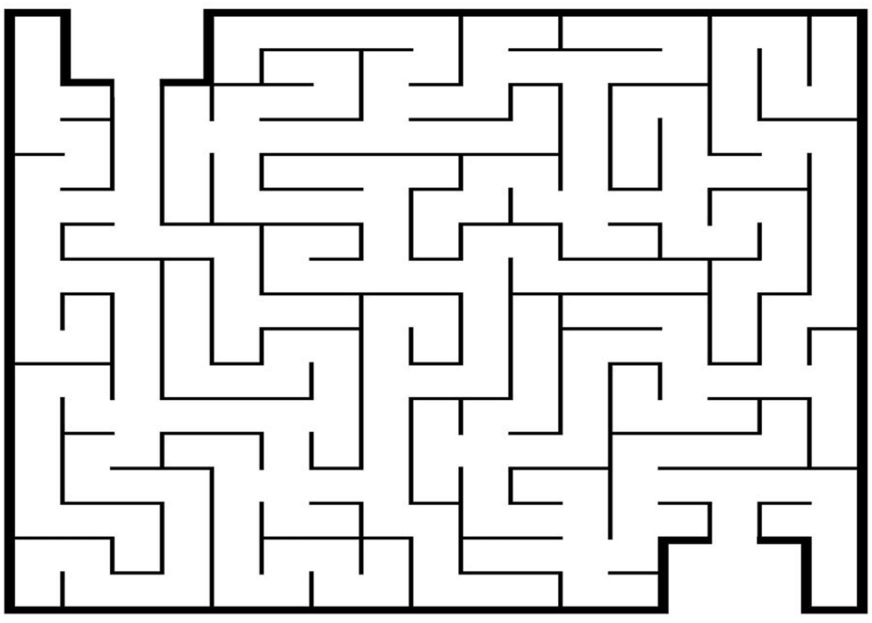

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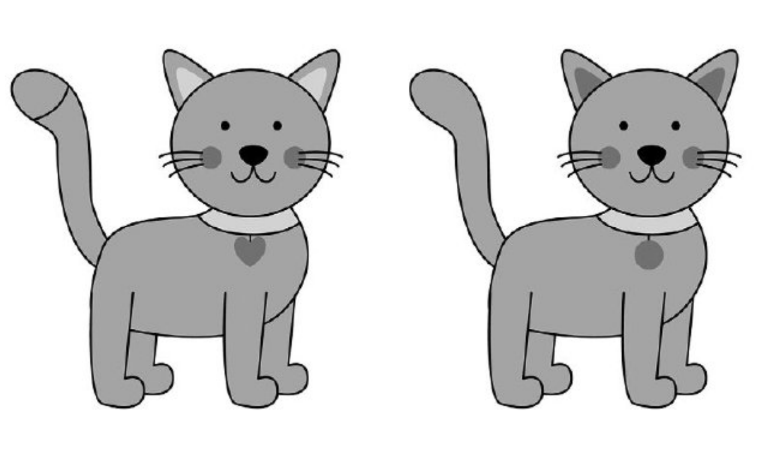

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New Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren speaks after being introduced Tuesday at Halas Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

BEARS

New day dawns

In stadium pursuit, property closing the next big task

By Colleen Kane | Chicago Tribune

Bears leaders met with reporters Tuesday at Halas Hall to discuss the hiring of new president and CEO Kevin Warren.

Among the topics was the Bears' continued pursuit of purchasing the old Arlington Park property and potentially building a new stadium on it.

Here are three things we heard about the possible stadium project.

1. The Bears still intend to close on the property in the first quarter of 2023. Outgoing Bears President and CEO Ted Phillips has maintained that timetable for a while, and he reconfirmed it Tuesday.

Bears Chairman George McCaskey noted the size of the 326-acre property makes the closing process more complicated. The Bears are not commenting on other projects — such as proposed renovations to Soldier Field — as they work on closing on the property.

"The analogy I offer to people is if you're closing on a piece of land or a house, it's a quarter-acre lot, the title process is fairly straightforward. Usually it takes a couple of months," McCaskey said. "This site is massive. And there's a lot to go through, both in terms of physical due diligence, entitlement due diligence and financial due diligence. That takes a long time.

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New Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren holds a helmet at his introductory news conference Tuesday at Halas Hall.

Warren relishes big challenges he'll face as president

By Dan Wiederer | Chicago Tribune

Maybe we should start first with Kevin Warren's starter home in Overland Park, Kan., way back in the early 1990s when he was just out of law school and getting his career off the ground as an agent.

At the time, Warren admits, the yard outside the house he and his wife, Greta, shared was far from special.

But then word began trickling around that the neighborhood was awarding a "Yard of the Month," complete with a sign to honor the winner. At that moment Greta knew what was next.

"She looked at me and said, 'I know what's going to happen here,' " Warren said. "Our yard was OK, but once I saw that sign up? I got the mulch, I was bringing out experts, I'm cutting the yard."

Some 30 years later,the pride in Warren's voice remains obvious.

"It was beautiful too," he said.

The secrets to the operation?

"You know what?" Warren said. "It was fertilizer and water. A lot of people don't do that enough, but my wife knew I was serious. I said, 'OK, this has to happen.'

"And I'll never forget it. I went and talked to a guy named Cornelius and said, 'What can I do here? I want this (yard) looking like Augusta National.'"

Cornelius advised Warren on the best

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Sox's Kelly has a lot to get off his chest in book

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Jim Bouton's "Ball Four," a tell-all book by the former knuckleballer as he struggled through the 1969 season, is regarded as a classic piece of baseball literature.

So when I received an advance copy of the new book by Chicago White Sox reliever Joe Kelly, I was excited about the opportunity to hear all the interesting behind-the-scenes stories of the Sox's 2022 season.

What would Kelly have to say about embattled manager Tony La Russa being booed by Sox fans? Or the Tim Anderson-Josh Donaldson beef? Or his own struggles with his new team after signing a two-year, $17 million deal following the lockout? Any anecdotes or untold stories from one of the most agonizing and disappointing seasons in franchise history would suffice.

Unfortunately, "A Damn Near Perfect Game," written with Boston baseball writer Rob Bradford, has little of the self-effacing humor of Bouton's classic and none of the dirt that makes a tell-all worth telling. And for Sox fans, it has nothing new about Kelly's experiences last season, when he recorded a 6.08 ERA in 43 appearances and also was booed on a few occasions.

The book, scheduled to be released in spring training, is mostly a compilation of grievances from Kelly, along with some suggestions on how to sell the game to young fans and a one-on-one with MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred. The final chapter, which makes up nearly 30% of the book, is a collection of first-person thoughts on baseball from the likes of Cubs manager David Ross, actors Rob Lowe and

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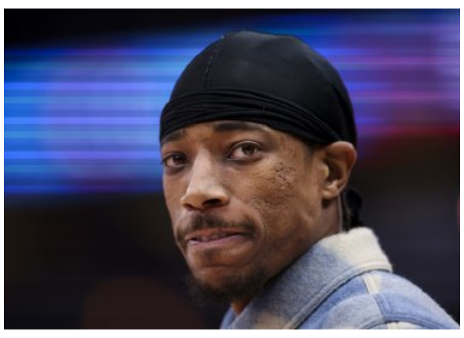

Bulls forward DeMar DeRozan walks on the court during the third quarter against the Warriors at the United Center on Sunday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BULLS

Team soaks in first day in Paris

DeRozan plans to make his return in Thursday's game

By Julia Poe | Chicago Tribune

The Bulls arrived in Paris on Monday on the heels of a win over the Golden State Warriors and an eight-hour overnight flight.

This will be the first time the Bulls have played in Paris since Michael Jordan and the fabled 1997-98 team took their trip to France for a six-team international tournament.

The Bulls will participate in events throughout the city in the days leading up to Thursday's game against the Detroit Pistons at Accor Arena.

DeRozan plans to play: After missing three games with a strained right quadriceps, DeMar DeRozan told reporters in Paris he plans to return against the Pistons. He practiced briefly Monday after the flight from Chicago.

DeRozan has been out since straining his quad Jan. 9 in a road game against the Boston Celtics. He had been nursing the injury for the previous eight games dating back to late December. The Bulls lost to the Celtics after DeRozan's exit, then lost their next two games to the Washington Wizards and Oklahoma City Thunder before snapping their skid against the Warriors on Sunday.

Missing time on the court is rare for DeRozan.

A hardy player who takes personal pride in

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UP NEXT

Bulls vs. Hawks
Accor Arena, Paris
2 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

Team	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
BULLS		DET (in Paris) 2 p.m. | NBCSCH			
BLACKHAWKS		@PHI 6 p.m. | NBCSCH		@STL 7 p.m. | NBCSCH	LA 6 p.m. | NBCSCH

TOP OF THE SECOND

Bears GM Ryan Poles, left, greets new President and CEO Kevin Warren on Tuesday at Halas Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Bears Chairman George McCaskey introduces new President and CEO Kevin Warren on Tuesday.

Bears

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ways to use straw to keep the lawn healthy when the seasons were changing and gave him pointers on how to mow. And when that knock on the front door finally came?

"I was so happy," Warren said. "That was our sign: 'Yard of the Month.' "

He laughed.

"Then I started getting into the mindset of, 'Can you go back-to-back?' " he said.

Warren was formally introduced Tuesday as the new president and CEO of the Bears, a post he will take over in the coming months once he has jetted up the off-ramp of his current job as Big Ten commissioner.

His excitement for replacing Ted Phillips and taking over one of the NFL's charter franchises at such a pivotal moment could hardly be contained Tuesday, but that's Warren: a bundle of energy, overflowing with big ideas, constantly thirsting for the next conquest.

"This is a special time in the NFL," Warren said. "But most of all it's a special time for the Chicago Bears. Everything is ahead of us. All we need to do now is go and grasp it."

And if that "Yard of the Month" experience signifies anything, it's that Warren will operate with a laser focus and obsessive attention to detail to go after all of his goals — big or small.

"That was just a lesson of, one, being competitive, and two, just leaning into it," Warren said. "That's just how I approach life.

"Whatever you're doing, be passionate about it."

With the Bears, Warren will inherit an organization that is more than a decade removed from its last playoff victory and 35 years separated from its last stretch of three consecutive winning seasons. The franchise also is exploring a potential landmark stadium project in the suburbs as it works to close on the 326-acre property at Arlington Park in Arlington Heights.

The idea of pursuing two grand ventures at once — a dazzling new stadium and a shiny Lombardi Trophy — hits Warren's sweet spot.

"It's just the opportunity to create greatness," he told the Tribune on Tuesday. "We're at a point in time with the Chicago Bears where the things that we can do over these next couple years, I want people 20, 30, 40, 50 years down the road talking about them."

This is more than revitalizing and beautifying a lawn, of course, but the approach will be similar: tend to every blade of grass with care and purpose, then watch the results. Plus, Warren doesn't mind inheriting a few weeds or brown patches.

"I'm a big believer in challenges," he said. "I wouldn't want this if it were easy. If all the elements were in place, it would not have been as attractive. The main thing is the challenge.

"I believe that in every organization there are certain inflection points. I think the Chicago Bears are at that point — from a positive standpoint."

A winning resume

One of Warren's biggest responsibilities will be overseeing the Bears' stadium project, a task he can attack with experience after helping the Minnesota Vikings get from start to finish with their project to build U.S. Bank Stadium in downtown Minneapolis.

"I had all these boxes of binders," he said. "And many people said (when that stadium was done): 'You can get rid of those. You'll never use those again.'

"I'm glad I saved them."

Those binders, that vast knowledge, those experiences helped set Warren apart for the Bears during a search that Chairman George McCaskey said included interviews with more than 20 candidates. McCaskey said he was impressed with Warren's leadership traits, intelligence, decisiveness and ability to communicate, but having that successful stadium project on the resume didn't hurt.

"That wasn't something we were specifically looking for," McCaskey said. "It was an asset that Kevin brought to the table."

Warren also will be tasked with overseeing general manager Ryan Poles and providing the support and resources needed for Poles to green up the football team, a group that lost a league-high and franchise-record 14 games this season. To that mission, Warren also brings valuable perspective.

His NFL roots were planted in 1997 when he joined the front office of the St. Louis Rams, a floundering team that lost 11 games during his first season and a dozen more the next year. In 1999, however, the Rams launched "The Greatest Show on Turf" and rode a super-powered offense to the champions stage at Super Bowl XXXIV.

Warren recalled sound advice he got from then-Rams coach Dick Vermeil before that team's rise began.

Said Vermeil: "Once people in this building realize that, not if, but when we win the Super Bowl, all of our rings are going to be the same, they'll put their egos to the side.' "

That resonated with Warren.

"It was interesting," he said. "At the ring ceremony, he was right. My Super Bowl ring looks like Kurt Warner's, looks just like Marshall Faulk's, like Orlando Pace's, Torry Holt's and Isaac Bruce's. It looks the same."

That's a big part of what Warren is after inside Halas Hall: a united effort from every person in every department to produce winning contributions every day.

At the outset, Warren has earned McCaskey's trust.

"We have complete confidence in him to lead this franchise back to greatness," McCaskey said.

Power of suggestion

Warren is not exaggerating when he says he plans to meet with every Bears employee in the months ahead to get a better understanding of the organization's inner workings. He is looking to strengthen the strong points and identify the weaknesses. He has a handful of simple questions to ask — to everyone.

"If you were a member of the McCaskey family, what would you do to bring us a championship?" Warren said. "What can we do to help you on a daily basis? Tell me one thing we can change to make this an incredible place."

Most of all, Warren wants to hear new ideas.

"I've learned in life that the power of one suggestion can really change the trajectory of an organization in a positive manner," he said. "One thought process, one idea. So the whole conversation of sitting down with our staff is to really figure out what can we do here.

"Then all of a sudden, if you get 300 to 400 different ideas that you can implement at the appropriate time, you get better."

That may sound like a grand and exhausting undertaking, but that's Warren.

"Minor details are major," he said. "You can put the smallest pebble in your shoe and it may not be bad if you're walking around the house. But go try to run a marathon. So that's why we have to make sure that we're very organized in the details, that we are methodical. I believe in no missed steps."

Again, Warren uses that championship Rams team as an example, pointing out its voyage wasn't completed until linebacker Mike Jones tackled Tennessee Titans receiver Kevin Dyson at the 1-yard line as time expired in the Super Bowl to preserve a 23-16 victory.

"We had a successful season in St. Louis," Warren said. "The Greatest Show on Turf. We won all these games. We were only behind for 4 minutes, 24 seconds the entire year.

"And it still came down to one tackle at the 1-yard line with five Hall of Famers (on the roster) and a Hall of Fame coach. So that tells me you've got to have your stuff together."

'Too much to do!'

The responsibility for getting the Bears' stuff together now falls squarely on Warren's shoulders. But throughout Halas Hall, there's already a buzz about how his leadership skills and approach will awaken the building.

"He's a high-energy guy who has an incredible work ethic," Phillips said Tuesday. "I've never met anyone who probably works as hard as he does. ... When we began the search I said to George, 'Let's get someone who can reenergize the staff.' He will bring a new energy and a new perspective. He'll hold people accountable and challenge people in a way I think will be great for the organization."

For those who wonder about Warren's ability to help the Bears attain consistent success on the football field, much of that will depend first on the working relationship he can build with Poles, how they can set and retain a shared vision and how Warren can provide productive guidance and oversight.

Poles highlighted Warren's infectious energy and said he looks forward to collaborating closely with a boss who has more than two decades of NFL experiences in the front offices of three teams.

"There's a ton of knowledge there that's going to help us," Poles said. "Everyone has blind spots. And when you have someone from a different background who has been through a couple different organizations, they can give you a little bit of information if maybe there's a blind spot you didn't see. It's challenging decisions just to make sure you're making sound decisions."

To hear Warren tell it, his ideal days start when the alarm goes off, his eyes pop open and his brain starts spinning like a waterwheel. He already senses a flood of those days ahead.

"That's what intrigues me," he said. "I always want to have something where, when you get out of the bed in the morning, you say, 'There is too much to do!' Because with that, what I've learned in my life, that's when I know I'm in my sweet spot."

Warren can't wait to get started. The Bears share his excitement.

"There's no greater opportunity in the world right now in sports," Warren said. "And to have that here in Chicago, with this incredible fan base and this history and tradition, it is truly rare and unique."

Bears Chairman George McCaskey shakes hands with new President and CEO Kevin Warren on Tuesday at Halas Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Warren a proven builder

Bears new president and CEO: 'You need to plan before you start digging'

By Dan Wiederer and Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

The Bears formally introduced Kevin Warren as their new president and CEO on Tuesday at Halas Hall.

Warren joins the organization after spending the past three-plus years as Big Ten commissioner. Before that he had more than 20 years of experience in NFL front offices, most recently as chief operating officer for the Minnesota Vikings.

Vikings President Mark Wilf was one of 15 people who endorsed Warren in a release the Bears put out Tuesday.

"Our family holds Kevin in the highest regard as a person, a business leader and a trusted adviser," Wilf said. "He aligned with our values and our commitment to see the Vikings organization grow and change. Through his leadership and his ability to develop people, Kevin was instrumental in helping transform the identity of this franchise."

Warren will replace Ted Phillips, who is retiring next month after serving as Bears president and CEO since 1999.

Warren expressed his vision for how he can help propel the Bears into a promising future, including thoughts on the team's bid for a potential new stadium in Arlington Heights.

Here are some highlights from the news conference.

Bears Chairman George McCaskey, introducing Warren: "Papa Bear is smiling today. He knows there is plenty of work to do on the field, but I'm confident he would be pleased with the handing of the baton from one accomplished executive to another to continue his stewardship of his beloved Bears. Kevin possesses the qualities that we were looking for in our next president and CEO: leadership, vision, intelligence, decisiveness, humility, a team player, an effective communicator, someone who understands what the Bears are all about and who can reenergize our staff to get us where we want to go. And it didn't hurt that Kevin holds an advanced degree from Arizona State University.

"Kevin's experience as a player agent, as a lawyer in private practice, as an executive with three NFL clubs and as Big Ten commissioner has prepared him for this moment, and we have complete confidence in him to lead this franchise back to greatness."

McCaskey on the Bears power structure: "It's clear to me that given Kevin's experience with NFL clubs and his interaction with their football operations, we should return to having the general manager report to the president and CEO. Ryan Poles remains in charge of our football operation, with complete authority to do what he thinks is best for the Bears. Ryan and Kevin talked during our interview process, and we are confident that they and (coach) Matt (Eberflus) will work together to give Bears fans the winner they deserve."

Warren on his main objectives as he takes over: "I just think culturally and organizationally to bring a heightened degree of energy, a focus, to create an environment where people know that they can be themselves, from a family standpoint, but thrive. Make it OK to talk about winning a championship. So many times people in organizations don't want to talk about winning a championship. I want to talk about it, but not only talk about it, then put in the work to be able to do what we need to do to win a championship.

"I'm a big believer that we need to continue to build upon the base that Coach and Ryan have built. With the players, the approach, the scouting. We need to do it the right way. I'm not interested in building something that lasts one year and goes away. I want to have sustainability from a long-term standpoint. And then from a business operations standpoint, to look for efficiencies and continually create ideas and ways, be innovative, have vision and be fearless. … And then embrace the Chicagoland community, embrace the alumni, give the fans something to cheer about. And then also come up with a very, very creative solution to our stadium situation and create an atmosphere that becomes a 365-days a year environment. There's a lot to do, it's exciting, it's a challenge. This may cause many people to become fearful, but when you have these opportunities with an iconic franchise, it fit. It fit my personality, my DNA and I'm looking forward to it."

Warren on what he learned during the stadium-building process in Minnesota that will help him with Arlington Heights: "I remember when we finished the stadium, I had all of these boxes of binders and many people said: 'You can get rid of those. You'll never use those again.' I'm glad I saved them.

"But I think the biggest thing I learned was the fact that you need to plan before you start digging. What made and makes U.S. Bank Stadium so special is we spent almost a year in planning. Planning is critical. That's what I appreciate about the McCaskeys is they support the planning process. … I know we're focused on Arlington Park and that stadium development project. I look forward to leaning into the stadium development project. But I think the biggest thing we can do is make sure we're methodical, we're detailed and we take the time to plan it properly."

Warren on leaving the Big Ten after three years: "If I had to think of one of the main things my dad would always say to us and really put his thumb on us constantly — and my mother — would be, 'Always leave a situation demonstratively better than it was when you got there.' That was always on my mind. My dad always talked about that. And he would say when I would call him about different opportunities and jobs, he would say, 'From the day you walked in the door until now, is it better?' I'd say, 'Yes.' He'd say, 'Is it demonstratively better?' 'Yes.'

"I just felt in 40 months there, for us to be able to come in and handle the pandemic in a manner that I thought kept our student-athletes healthy and safe, for us to be a leader in social justice initiatives, for us to be a leader in the mental health space, for us to be able to set records from a television network creativity standpoint and to be able to expand with USC and UCLA, I would say I left the Big Ten in a demonstratively better position. I wouldn't even feel good with myself if I just kind of stayed there and let that drain out over the next years and say, 'OK, it's time to go.' I just felt it was the right time. I had done what I was called there to be able to do."

Warren on meeting with Bears staffers: "The biggest thing we can do when talking with the staff is to create an environment where they're comfortable to really share how we can get better. And that's why I asked the question: 'If your family owned the team, tell me what we can do?' Because I've learned in life that the power of one suggestion can really change the trajectory of an organization in a positive manner. One thought process, one ideal. And so the whole conversation to sit down with staff is to really try to figure out like 'What can we do here?'

"And all of the sudden, if you end up getting three to four hundred different ideas that you can implement at the appropriate time, you get better. I'm all about information, I'm all about digesting information, I'm all about culture, I'm all about winning, I'm all about family support. If we have issues, let's take care of them in the building. And so that's the exciting part about building a culture."

Warren on general manager Ryan Poles: "The biggest thing that I enjoyed about Ryan is that he's real. He's smart, he's intelligent, he's detailed, he's methodical and all you have to do is look around the people that trained him. He grew up in an environment to do things the right way. There's no shortcuts to it. The thing I always liked about working with offensive linemen is that they're unique individuals. They don't get a lot of credit on the football field, but they're so critically important to the overall operation and success.

He has that mindset and that DNA. And we trust each other. He knows anything that I would tell him or share with him or ask of him, it's only to benefit this organization."

Warren on where he developed his attention to detail: "One, my parents were very detailed, but I think mine came from my car accident. When you spend a year flat on your back — I spent months in traction — and I thought the fun was going to end then. I remember when the doctor came in and said, 'We've got some good news, we're taking the pins out of your leg and you're out of traction.' I was like, 'Yes,' until he told me, 'The bad news is we're going to put a body cast on you.' When you literally lay on your back for a year and go to the bathroom in a bedpan and all those different kind of things at 11 years old, you start really focusing.

"When you get out, your rehab is important. A doctor said something to me: 'There are going to be days you're going to have major progress and there are going to be days when you're going to make very little progress. But never have a day you don't make progress.' The cost of that is I wasn't a talented athlete. But I was going to be the best-conditioned. I ended up running distance. I trained with the wrestling team. I knew going into the game I was going to be the best-conditioned person. I was always going to shoot high free-throw percentage. I could hit a 15-, 18-foot open jump shot. I played solid defense.

"I would just say I developed that attitude. And then working on the stadium, working with the Wilfs to buy the Minnesota Vikings, who I owe them so much credit for my career, is that you need attention to detail. When you build a stadium, every single thing matters. Every measure, every line, every line item. … You can take an average person with average talent and make them exceptional if they're just focused on the details."

Warren on his relationship with Justin Fields and Fields' fight to play during the 2020 Big Ten season: "If I had been in the Big Ten (as a player) at the time, I would have done the same thing. What that told me about Justin is he's passionate. My whole goal was to keep players safe. I appreciated him, to be able to take that leadership role. So I was ecstatic when he got drafted by the Bears because that's what you need from a leadership standpoint. But I have a strong personal relationship with him. He's talented, he's a leader. I love his passion. … I have the greatest amount of respect for him because I know he's going to do everything he possibly can with the talent he has to be a leader. And he wants to win championships. Those are the people I want because if someone was not upset about (not) playing, then I really would be concerned."

McCaskey on the potential purchase of the old Arlington Park property: "We're still trying to determine whether we can close in the first quarter of 2023, and our singular focus is on Arlington Park."

McCaskey on Warren's experience building a stadium: "That wasn't something we specifically were looking for. It was an asset Kevin brought to the table. We're looking forward to his analysis of the site and the development opportunity in general."

McCaskey on Warren bringing energy to the staff: "There's plenty of energy in the building, but I think anytime there is a change, it's an opportunity to refocus, to reenergize, to look at your strengths and weaknesses and capitalize on the strengths and minimize the weaknesses."

McCaskey on the early priorities for Warren: "The priorities are for Kevin to establish, and one that he mentioned to you is talking to everybody in the building about what can we do to make the Bears better. I think that's a great way to start."

McCaskey on what the Bears have been missing: "We need to win more games obviously. We don't want to be in this draft position ever again, and we're confident Ryan and Matt working together will make sure that happens. We need more of the right kind of players. And we need everybody to buy in. And we need a few breaks. We had a lot of one-score games this year, and we need some of them to go our way."

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"We want to make sure we get it right. We want to be methodical about it. We don't want any surprises along the way."

Phillips noted a few times, however, that just because the Bears buy the property doesn't mean they will build a stadium on it.

"There is a lot of work to be done," he said, "and we need to get property tax certainty and we need to get infrastructure funding taken care of. Those are the heavy lifts."

2. Warren's experience building a stadium in Minnesota wasn't a prerequisite but a bonus to his hiring. When he was the Minnesota Vikings chief operating officer, Warren oversaw the construction of U.S. Bank Stadium, which opened in 2016.

"That wasn't something that we were specifically looking for. It was an asset that Kevin brought to the table," McCaskey said of a president search that included more than 20 candidates. "We're looking forward to his analysis of the site and the development opportunity in general."

Phillips said not only will Warren's experience in Minnesota help him, but so will his time living in the Chicago area as Big Ten commissioner.

"The fact that he has been in the Chicago area for the last almost four years, he has made a lot of connections," Phillips said. "And you can feel his energy and passion just listening to him. I'm excited about him infusing that energy and passion into the club and into everything we do."

Warren said he and the Bears talked about officially starting in his new role in April, but he expects to spend a lot of time with Phillips over the next couple of months getting up to speed.

Phillips, who has been spearheading the Arlington project since the beginning, said he will have mixed feelings as he hands it over.

"I will be cheering for the Bears on the field, off the field," Phillips said. "At the same time, I know I had a small part to play. But I know that I have left a lot of great employees who are going to carry the torch along with Kevin and hopefully make it happen.

"Whatever it is, whatever we do, I think the future of the Bears is in good hands."

3. Warren said as a 'stadium nerd,' he drove to the Arlington Park property to get a feel for it. Warren said the space is one of the most remarkable aspects of the property. The Bears have plans to build an entertainment complex with the stadium should they develop the land.

"You don't get many times to have over 300 acres close to the city," Warren said. "So there are some unique aspects. I know our focus will be making sure that we close on the land. We will be very methodical to make sure that we get that process done first and see what happens next. But it is a very attractive, unique stadium site."

Warren said there's a lot he needs to study before he can answer many questions about the stadium project, but he said attention to detail in the planning process is what would help it be as successful as U.S. Bank Stadium.

If, after the Bears buy the property, Warren is tasked with developing it, he said he feels he can get the job done because he understands the question he needs to answer for multiple groups of people: "What's the why?"

"One of the many things I learned in Minnesota is you have to create a compelling story of why it makes sense," he said. "I just believe at this point in time, where we are in our lifespan in the NFL of the Chicago Bears, that the time is right.

"I'll need to study the project and understand and lean on other people, talk with Ted and other folks in the organization to come up with what that why is. But those are things that I love. To be able to walk the project and talk with constituents and groups and come up with why this makes sense.

"I'm confident with the intellectual talent in this state and in this city and all the people who love the Chicago Bears will be able to come together."

New Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren, right, listens after being introduced Tuesday at Halas Hall.
BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

NORTHWESTERN BASKETBALL

COVID-19 outbreak postpones game at Iowa

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The men's basketball game between Iowa and Northwestern scheduled for Wednesday in Iowa City will not be played because of COVID-19 health and safety protocols within the Northwestern program.

The schools will work with the Big Ten to reschedule the game.

All distributed tickets will be valid for the new date and time, if the game is able to be rescheduled.

Iowa (12-6, 4-3 Big Ten) next plays at Ohio State on Saturday. Northwestern (12-5, 3-3) is scheduled to play Wisconsin at home Saturday.

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his durability and availability, he has played in more than 90% of the possible games in his 14-year career. If DeRozan returns Thursday, the Bulls hope he will remain available for the remainder of the season.

Goran Dragic and Nikola Vucevic showing their teammates the ropes: Dragić and Vučević are the resident Europe experts for the Bulls. Both Europeans have traveled frequently to Paris. Vučević lived in Belgium for 12 years and remains fluent in French, which is the primary language there.

Vučević said he's more than happy to provide his teammates with tips and recommendations around the city — with one stipulation.

"I just told them I will not be a translator," Vučević joked. "I don't care. I know French but I will not be your translator. I have my own stuff to do."

Bulls taking part in clinics throughout Paris: The Bulls will take part in clinics throughout the week aimed at bringing the sport to young athletes in Paris.

The events are coordinated with the Jr. NBA, an organization run by the league to highlight basketball education and enrichment for children around the world. The clinics will run while the Bulls are in town, with appearances from mascot Benny the Bull along with players and coaches.

Guard Malcolm Hill was the first player to pop into a youth clinic session Tuesday.

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Jon Hamm, TV personality Andy Cohen and many others.

If you're a fan of Kelly, you no doubt will love his blunt, often profane takes on the game. If you dislike Kelly, you probably won't bother to read it in the first place. If you have no idea who Joe Kelly is, the first chapter on his famous "pouty face" episode with the Los Angeles Dodgers provides all you need about him.

Here are five takeaways from Kelly's book.

1. Kelly hates the Houston Astros. We already knew this, of course, and Kelly reminds us he "hated" the Astros in the first sentence.

"Why?" he writes. "Well if you watched another team cheat their way to a world championship at your expense, you might have some hard feelings as well."

The book begins with the Astros-Dodgers series in July 2020. Kelly and his teammates were upset that Astros players hadn't been punished by MLB for the sign-stealing scandal and needed "some comeuppance."

Kelly threw a fastball over the head of Alex Bregman. After a groundout, Astros manager Dusty Baker told Kelly to "just get on the mound, little (bleep)." Kelly struck out Carlos Correa and said, "Nice swing, (bleep)." Correa stared back. Kelly responded with a facial expression — and the "pouty face" that quickly became an internet meme. It's also on the cover of the book.

He devotes a few thousand words to the unfairness of his suspension and more on the pouty face. In fact, "Pouty Face" would have been a better name for the book.

2. Kelly likes to fight. Anger issues are a frequent topic. While growing up, Kelly often fought with his dad, who he writes was an alcoholic. Kelly once punched him while playing basketball, but they mended fences eventually.

White Sox pitcher Joe Kelly adjusts his cap before a game against the Twins on Sept. 2. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kelly writes that he once told harassing New York Yankees fans to meet him at the team bus. During the 2020 playoffs in the bubble in Arlington, Texas, MLB asked his wife, Ashley, to persuade him to meet with Correa and agree not to fight. He writes that Ashley told them, "Joe's crazy," and declined the request. Kelly wanted to go wait for the Astros, who stayed at the same hotel: "You're not going to tell me when I fight or don't fight."

As a Boston Red Sox reliever in 2018, Kelly ignited a fight with the Yankees by throwing at Tyler Austin. Kelly writes that he went "from zero to hero" in Boston. A few weeks later, he spotted Austin in Times Square while in a car. Kelly told his agents to "let me out of the car" so he could fight the Yankees player. They locked the doors.

3. Kelly hoped to stay a Dodger and was surprised by the White Sox's interest. After establishing himself as a reliable setup man, Kelly hoped to stay with the Dodgers when he became a free agent after the 2021 season. He had been a key reliever since their 2020 championship team but suffered a torn biceps during the 2021 postseason and wasn't available to start the 2022 season.

His agent told him the White Sox "distinguished themselves from the competition." He was shocked, writing the Sox never showed interest. Kelly writes he liked the "badass black-and-white uniform" and his second thought was: "Holy crap, La Russa!"

He liked the idea of playing for the manager, writing: "I knew what La Russa wanted, and he knew I could deliver. There was no hemming or hawing. No demand for medical evaluation."

Kelly and his wife were sold. He doesn't write about his injury-marred season or much at all about the Sox.

4. Kelly enjoys Dylan Cease's poetry and being himself. Chapter 6 begins with Cease's poem, "O Slider slide," and Kelly writes that "before Dylan's starts throughout 2022, he would grace us with a dramatic reading of his work of art."

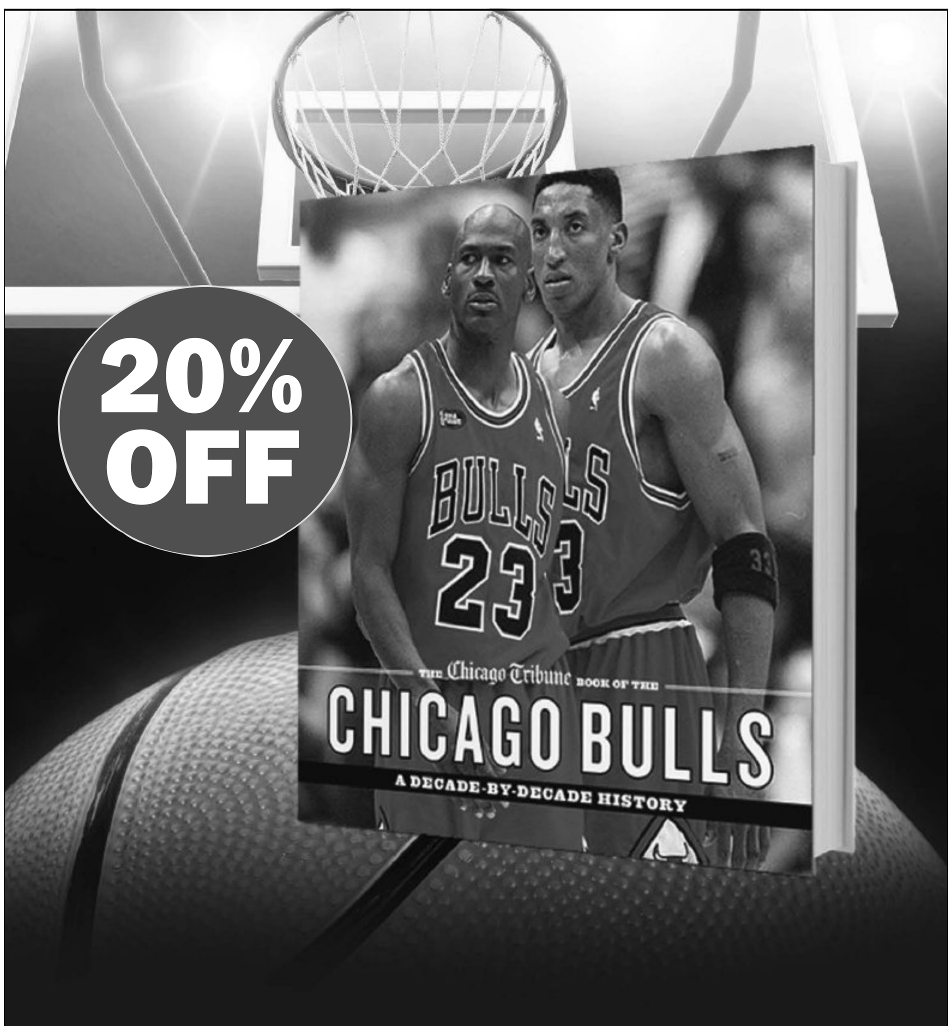
Kelly believes that the game's "biggest challenge" is making sure fans understand players are "humans whom you might be interested in beyond the basics of a baseball field." He claims a "big part" of why he was traded from the St. Louis Cardinals to the Red Sox in 2014 was that he had "too much personality." But he also blames players for not being more vocal and cites an interview with a Chicago radio station in which he called Josh Donaldson a "(bleep)."

"If I know something is right to say, I'm going to say it," Kelly writes. "I don't give a (bleep), and neither should all these other players saying the same thing."

He acknowledged that some people will hate you: "You can't be liked by everyone, so why do you keep trying?"

5. Kelly likes to stir things up. That seems to be the point of the book.

With the Sox starting the season against the Astros and Correa back with the Minnesota Twins, it won't take long to find out what opposing players think of Kelly's writing.



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The Blackhawks' Seth Jones, center, celebrates his overtime, game winning goal with Tyler Johnson, left, and Andreas Athanasiou as Sabres goaltender Craig Anderson skates to his bench Tuesday in Chicago. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

BLACKHAWKS 4, SABRES 3 (OT)

Seth 1, Seth 2: Jones delivers

Blackhawks defenseman Seth Jones scored the tying goal with 56 seconds left in regulation, then scored the game-winner 2:24 into overtime for a 4-3 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday night at the United Center. The Hawks erased a 3-1 deficit after two periods to win for the fourth time in five games. **For coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports**

SCOREBOARD

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	43	34	5	4	72	166	94
Toronto	45	27	11	7	61	152	121
Tampa Bay	42	28	13	1	57	152	122
Florida	46	21	20	5	47	152	158
Buffalo	43	21	19	3	45	163	150
Detroit	42	18	17	7	43	131	145
Ottawa	43	19	21	3	41	126	139
Montreal	45	19	23	3	41	120	163
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	44	27	9	8	62	141	120
New Jersey	44	29	12	3	61	156	116
N.Y. Rangers	45	25	13	7	57	144	120
Washington	47	24	17	6	54	150	133
Pittsburgh	43	22	15	6	50	139	130
N.Y. Islanders	45	23	18	4	50	136	124
Philadelphia	45	19	19	7	45	127	145
Columbus	44	13	29	2	28	111	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Dallas	45	26	12	7	59	156	119
Winnipeg	45	29	15	1	59	149	118
Minnesota	43	25	14	4	54	138	120
Nashville	44	21	17	6	48	122	128
Colorado	42	22	17	3	47	131	121
St. Louis	45	22	20	3	47	141	160
Arizona	43	13	25	5	31	115	158
Chicago	42	12	26	4	28	98	157
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	45	28	15	2	58	147	130
Seattle	43	26	13	4	56	159	134
Los Angeles	46	25	15	6	56	154	157
Edmonton	45	24	18	3	51	164	150
Calgary	45	21	15	9	51	143	136
Vancouver	43	18	22	3	39	150	173
San Jose	45	13	23	9	35	137	172
Anaheim	45	12	28	5	29	105	190

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 4, Washington 2
Montreal 4, Winnipeg 1
Philadelphia 5, Anaheim 2
Toronto 5, Florida 4, OT
Nashville 2, Columbus 1
Chicago 4, Buffalo 3(OT)
Detroit at Arizona, late
Seattle at Edmonton, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 8:30p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 9p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Florida 4, Buffalo 1
Boston 6, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 6, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 1
New Jersey 4, San Jose 3, SO
Dallas 4, Vegas 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Columbus 1
Pittsburgh 4, Anaheim 3, OT
Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
St. Louis 2, Ottawa 1
Nashville 2, Calgary 1

TIME ON ICE LEADERS

through monday's games

FORWARDS	TM	GP	TOI
Connor McDavid	EDM	45	1015:27
Mikko Rantanen	COL	42	963:59
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	43	950:44
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	45	944:42
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	46	944:21
Anze Kopitar	LAK	46	939:07
Mitch Marner	TOR	44	932:40
Nick Suzuki	MTL	44	929:37
Artemi Panarin	NYR	45	916:56
Vincent Trocheck	NYR	45	911:51

DEFENSE	TM	GP	TOI
Drew Doughty	LAK	45	1184:23
Erik Karlsson	SJS	45	1142:19
Cale Makar	COL	42	1140:35
Adam Fox	NYR	45	1130:28
Rasmus Andersson	CGY	45	1109:50
Roman Josi	NSH	43	1082:12
Rasmus Dahlin	BUF	41	1080:44
Gustav Forsling	FLA	45	1079:08
Darnell Nurse	EDM	45	1078:38
Justin Faulk	STL	45	1071:58

GOALTENDER	TM	GP	MIN
Igor Shesterkin	NYR	33	1998:44
Jordan Binnington	STL	34	1978:55
Connor Hellebuyck	WPG	33	1978:04
Juuse Saros	NSH	33	1950:16
Ilya Sorokin	NYI	34	1933:29
Karel Vejmelka	ARI	32	1907:06
Jake Oettinger	DAL	33	1903:01
Andrei Vasilevskiy	TBL	31	1858:17

NFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL ROUND

SATURDAY' GAMES
Jacksonville (10-8) at
Kansas City (14-3), 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
N.Y. Giants (10-7-1) at
Philadelphia (14-3), 7:15 p.m. (FOX)

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Cincinnati (13-4) at
Buffalo (14-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas (13-5) at
San Francisco (14-4), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, JAN. 29
x-AFC winners, 2:05 p.m. x-Kansas City vs. Buffalo would be played in Atlanta
NFC winners, 5:30p.m. (FOX)

SUPER BOWL LVII

Sunday, Feb. 12,
State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.
Conference final winners, 5:30p.m.

WILD-CARD ROUND

SATURDAY, JAN. 14
San Francisco 41, Seattle 32
Jacksonville 31, L.A. Chargers 30

SUNDAY, JAN. 15
Buffalo 34, Miami 31
N.Y. Giants 31, Minnesota 27
Cincinnati 24, Baltimore 17

MONDAY, JAN. 16
Dallas 31, Tampa Bay 14

LATE MONDAY: DALLAS 31, TAMPA BAY 14

Dallas	**6**	**12**	**6**	**7**	**—**	**31**
Tampa Bay	**0**	**0**	**6**	**8**	**—**	**14**

First Quarter
Dal: Schultz 22pass from Prescott (kick failed), 6:28.
Second Quarter
Dal: Prescott 1run (kick failed), 6:13.
Dal: Schultz 11pass from Prescott (kick failed), :27.
Third Quarter
Dal: Gallup 2pass from Prescott (kick failed), 10:04.
TB: Jones 30pass from Brady (pass failed), :00.
Fourth Quarter
Dal: Lamb 18pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 10:13.
TB: Brate 8pass from Brady (Evans pass from Brady), 2:04.

TEAM STATS	DAL	TB
First downs	26	24
Third down efficiency	7-13	10-18
Total net yards	425	386
Rushes-yards	35-128	12-52
Passing	297	334
Punt returns	2-7	3-34
Kickoff returns	1-35	3-58
Interceptions ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	25-33-0	35-66-1
Sacked-yards lost	1-8	2-17
Punts	4-47.25	5-49.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	2-15	3-34
Time of possession	35:30	24:30

RUSHING: Dallas, Pollard 15-77, Elliott 13-27, Prescott 7-24. Tampa Bay, R.White 7-41, Fournette 5-11.
PASSING: Dallas, Prescott 25-33-0-305. Tampa Bay, Brady 35-66-1-351.
RECEIVING: Dallas, Schultz 7-95, Gallup 5-46, Lamb 4-68, Pollard 3-12, Hilton 2-23, N.Brown 2-18, Ferguson 1-34, Elliott 1-9. Tampa Bay, Godwin 10-85, Jones 7-74, Evans 6-74, Otton 4-58, R.White 4-36, Gage 2-10, Brate 1-8, Fournette 1-6.
INTERCEPTION: Dallas, Kearse 1-0.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Dal, Vander Esch 5-4-0, Parsons 3-0-1. TB, David 9-5-0, Edwards 6-4-0, Vea 2-0-1.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	33	12	.733	—
Philadelphia	27	16	.628	5
Brooklyn	27	16	.628	5
New York	25	20	.556	8
Toronto	20	25	.444	13

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	24	21	.533	—
Atlanta	22	22	.500	1½
Washington	18	26	.409	5½
Orlando	16	28	.364	7½
Charlotte	11	34	.244	13

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	29	16	.644	—
Cleveland	28	17	.622	1
Indiana	23	22	.511	6
Chicago	20	24	.455	8½
Detroit	12	35	.255	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	30	13	.698	—
New Orleans	26	18	.591	4½
Dallas	24	21	.533	7
San Antonio	14	31	.311	17
Houston	10	34	.227	20½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	30	13	.698	—
Utah	23	24	.489	9
Minnesota	22	23	.489	9
Portland	21	22	.488	9
Oklahoma City	21	23	.477	9½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	24	18	.571	—
L.A. Clippers	23	22	.511	2½
Golden State	22	22	.500	3
Phoenix	21	24	.467	4½
L.A. Lakers	20	24	.455	5

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 130, Toronto 122
San Antonio 106, Brooklyn 98
Portland at Denver, late
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Dallas, 6:30p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 7p.m.
Cleveland at Memphis, 7p.m.
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 7p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Detroit, 2p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 6:30p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Phoenix, 9p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

New Orleans at Orlando, 6p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 6:30p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 6:30p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Utah, 8p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 8p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
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Milwaukee 132, Indiana 119
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Toronto 123, New York 121, OT
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Utah 126, Minnesota 125
Memphis 136, Phoenix 106
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SEASON TEM STREAKS

through Monday's games

VICTORIES	FROM	TO	W
Brooklyn	12-07	1-02	12
Memphis	12-29	--	10
Boston	11-04	11-18	9
Milwaukee	10-20	11-05	9
Philadelphia	12-09	12-25	8
New York	12-04	12-20	8
Cleveland	10-22	11-06	8
Boston	1-05	--	7
Dallas	12-21	1-02	7
Memphis	12-02	12-15	7
New Orleans	11-28	12-11	7
Sacramento	11-09	11-22	7

LOSSES	FROM	TO	L
Houston	12-27	--	11
San Antonio	11-14	12-04	11
Washington	11-30	12-18	10
Orlando	11-19	12-05	9
Charlotte	12-03	12-18	8
Charlotte	10-31	11-12	8
Detroit	11-09	11-20	7
L.A. Clippers	12-29	1-08	6
Phoenix	12-28	1-08	6
Minnesota	12-21	12-31	6
Detroit	12-16	12-26	6
Toronto	12-09	12-19	6
Houston	10-26	11-05	6

SCORING 120+ POINTS	FROM	TO	G	W	L
Memphis	1-04	--	7	7	0
Sacramento	11-09	11-20	6	6	0

ODDS

NBA			WEDNESDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
at New York	6	(off)	Washington
at Dallas	off	(232½)	Atlanta
Miami	1½	(223)	at New Orleans
at Okla. City	4	(241)	Indiana
at Memphis	6½	(off)	Cleveland
Charlotte	3	(Off)	at Houston
at UTAH	off	(off)	LA Clippers
at Denver	8	(Off)	Minnesota
Sacramento	3	(246)	at LA Lakers

NHL			WEDNESDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
Pittsburgh	-120	at Ottawa	+100
Boston	-166	at NY Islanders	+138
at Calgary	-134	Colorado	+112
Dallas	-164	at San Jose	+136
Tampa Bay	-192	at Vancouver	+158

NFL PLAYOFFS			SATURDAY
FAVORITE	**NOW**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
at Kansas City	8½	(52½)	Jacksonville
at Philadelphia	7½	(48½)	NY Giants
			SUNDAY
at Buffalo	4½	(48½)	Cincinnati
at San Francisco	3½	(46½)	Dallas

SUPER BOWL LVII CHAMPION

Kansas City	3-1	Buffalo	7-2
San Francisco	4-1	Philadelphia	11-2
Cincinnati	8-1	Dallas	10-1
N.Y. Giants	28-1	Jacksonville	35-1

source: bolvada.lv

COLLEGE BASKETBALL WEDNESDAY		
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**
UConn	4	at Seton Hall
Samford	4	at E. Tennessee St.
Ohio State	5	at Nebraska
Wofford	3	at W. Carolina
St. Louis	4½	at Loyola (Chi)
Duquesne	1½	at St. Bonaventure
Pittsburgh	10½	at Louisville
at Virginia	6½	Virginia Tech
at West Virginia	1½	TCU
Auburn	6	at LSU
Cincinnati	3½	at South Florida
Xavier	9	at DePaul
at Chattanooga	pk	Furman
at Texas A&M	4	Florida
at Indiana State	1½	Bradley
at Temple	8	East Carolina
at Northern Iowa	8½	Illinois State
at Marquette	5½	Providence
SMU	2½	at Tulsa
at Utah Valley	4	Abilene Christian
at Iowa	off	Northwestern
at Oklahoma St.	2½	Oklahoma
at Missouri	1	Arkansas
Oregon	7	at California
San Diego St.	4½	at Colorado State
at Army	5½	Bucknell
at Mass-Lowell	4	UMBC
at Mogan State	14	Hartford
Colgate	12½	at Holy Cross
at Navy	2½	Boston U.

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Houston (18-1) beat Tulane 80-60. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
No. 2 Kansas (16-2) lost to No. 13 Kansas State 83-82 (OT). Next: vs. No. 14 TCU, Saturday.
No. 3 Purdue (17-1) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
No. 4 Alabama (16-2) beat Vanderbilt 78-66. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
No. 5 UCLA (16-2) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.
No. 6 Gonzaga (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
No. 7 Texas (15-3) lost to No. 12 Iowa State 78-67. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
No. 8 Xavier (15-3) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.
No. 9 Tennessee (15-3) beat Mississippi State 70-59. Next: at LSU, Saturday.
No. 10 Virginia (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
No. 11 Arizona (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
No. 12 Iowa State (14-3) beat No. 7 Texas 78-67. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
No. 13 Kansas State (16-2) beat No. 2 Kansas 83-82 (OT). Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
No. 14 TCU (14-3) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Wednesday.
No. 15 UConn (15-4) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
No. 16 Auburn (14-3) did not play. Next: at LSU, Wednesday.
No. 17 Miami (15-3) did not play. Next: at Duke, Saturday.
No. 18 Charleston (19-1) did not play. Next: at Monmouth, Thursday.
No. 19 Clemson (15-4) lost to Wake Forest 87-77. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
No. 20 Marquette (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Providence, Wednesday.
No. 21 Baylor (13-5) beat Texas Tech 81-74. Next: at. Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 22 Providence (14-4) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Wednesday.
No. 23 Rutgers (13-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
No. 24 Florida Atlantic (17-1) did not play. Next: at UTSA, Thursday.
No. 25 Arkansas (12-5) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Alfred 77, Medaille 50
Bates 94, Maine-Farmington 65
Buffalo 100, Bowling Green 71
Caldwell 75, Bloomfield 61
Chestnut Hill 75, Georgian Court 64
Colby 82, Husson 72
Colby Sawyer 68, Rivier 55
Elms 72, Anna Maria 52
Emmanuel 83, St Joseph's (Maine) 78
Farmingdale St. 69, SUNY Maritime 57
Franklin Pierce 77, Staten Island 69
Holy Family 64, Jefferson 63
Houghton 86, Elmira 82, OT
Lasell 92, Regis College 78
Merchant Marine 78, Mt St. Vincent 50
Penn St.-Abington 79, Gallaudet 66
Post (Conn.) 87, Felician 63
Purchast 80, Old Westbury 71
RPI 53, Bard 44
SUNY-Delhi 92, Hartwick 79
SUNY-Morrisville 85, Penn St.-Berks 73
Saint Joseph (Conn.) 81, Dean 54
Thomas (Maine) 90, Maine Maritime 79
Wells 79, Penn College 64
Wilmington (DC) 59, Goldey-Beacom 57
SOUTH
Alabama 78, Vanderbilt 66
Houston 80, Tulane 60
LaGrange 74, Covenant 61
Mississippi 70, South Carolina 58
NC State 78, Georgia Tech 66
North Carolina 72, Boston College 64
Richmond 64, Rhode Island 57
VCU 83, UMass 55
MIDWEST
Akron 69, Cent. Michigan 51
Aurora 72, Edgewood 71
Ball St. 71, W. Michigan 70
Benedictine (Ill.) 80, Illinois Tech 78
Cornell (Iowa) 50, Monmouth (Ill.) 47
Creighton 73, Butler 52
Dayton 68, Davidson 61
Dominican 75, Concordia (Wis.) 67
Florida St. 84, Notre Dame 71
Illinois College 84, Knox 64
Kent St. 77, E. Michigan 63
Lake Forest 78, Ripon 68
Marian 86, Lakeland 70

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 South Carolina (18-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
No. 2 Ohio St. (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
No. 3 LSU (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
No. 4 Stanford (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Utah, Friday.
No. 5 UConn (16-2) beat Seton Hall 109-58. Next: vs. Butler, Saturday.
No. 6 Indiana (16-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Wednesday.
No. 7 Notre Dame (14-2) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
No. 8 Utah (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Stanford, Friday.
No. 9 UCLA (15-3) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
No. 10 Iowa (14-4) did not play. Next: at Michigan St., Wednesday.
No. 11 Maryland (14-4) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (14-3) did no play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
No. 13 Duke (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 North Carolina, Thursday.
No. 14 Michigan (15-3) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Thursday.
No. 15 Oklahoma (14-2) did not play. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
No. 16 Gonzaga (17-2) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.
No. 17 North Carolina (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Duke, Thursday.
No. 18 Iowa St. (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma St., Wednesday.
No. 19 Arizona (14-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona St., Sunday.
No. 20 NC State (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
No. 21 Illinois (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Wednesday.
No. 22 Villanova (17-3) beat Xavier 76-38. Next: at Creighton, Friday.
No. 23 Oregon (13-5) did not play. Next: at Oregon St., Friday.
No. 24 Colorado (14-3) (12-4) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
No. 25 Texas(13-5) did not play. Next: Vs Texas Tech, Wednesday.

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	18	15	2	1	42	14	47
Man City	18	12	3	3	46	18	39
Newcastle	19	10	8	1	33	11	38
Man United	18	12	2	4	29	21	38
Tottenham	19	10	3	6	37	27	33
Fulham	20	9	4	7	32	29	31
Brighton	18	9	3	6	35	25	30
Brentford	19	7	8	4	32	28	29
Liverpool	18	8	4	6	34	25	28
Chelsea	19	8	4	7	22	21	28
Aston Villa	19	7	4	8	22	27	25
Crystal Palace	18	6	4	8	17	26	22
Notting. Forest	19	5	5	9	15	34	20
Leeds	18	4	5	9	26	33	17
Leicester	19	5	2	12	26	33	17
Wolverhampton	19	4	5	10	12	27	17
Bournemouth	19	4	4	11	18	41	16
West Ham	19	4	3	12	15	25	15
Everton	19	3	6	10	15	26	15
Southampton	19	4	3	12	17	34	15

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Crystal Palace vs. Man United, 2p.m.

THURSDAY'S MATCH
Man City vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Liverpool vs. Chelsea, 6:30a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Notting. Forest, 9 a.m.
Leicester vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Southampton vs. Aston Villa, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Everton, 9a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Newcastle, 11:30a.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Brentford, 8a.m.
Man City vs. Wolverhampton, 8a.m.
Arsenal vs. Man United, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 23
Fulham vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

TENNIS

111TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Tuesday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, hardcourt, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
#2Casper Ruud d. Tomas Machac, 6-3, 7-6(6), 6-7(5), 6-3.
#4Novak Djokovic d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.
#5Andrey Rublev d. Dominic Thiem, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
#8Taylor Fritz d. Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
#9Holger Rune d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
#12Alexander Zverev d. Juan Pablo Varillas, 4-6, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-4.
Andy Murray d. #13Matteo Berrettini, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-7(7), 7-6(6).
#14Pablo Carreno Busta d. Pedro Cachin, 7-6(4), 6-1, 7-6(3).
#22Alex de Minaur d. Yu Hsiou Hsu, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.
#23Diego Schwartzman d. Oleksii Krutykh, 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-3, 7-6(5).
#25Daniel Evans d. Facundo Bagnis, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Nicolas Jarry d. #26 Miomir Kecmanovic, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(3).
#27Grigor Dimitrov d. Aslan Karatsev, 7-6(3), 7-5, 6-2.
#30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Alexander Bublik, 6-0, 6-7(3), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Laslo Djere d. Zizou Bergs, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Jeremy Chardy d. Daniel Elahi Galan, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.
Benjamin Bonzi d. Mattia Bellucci, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(5), 6-4.
Tommy Paul d. Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-1, 7-6(6), 6-2.
Jeffrey John Wolf d. Jordan Thompson, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Jenson Brooksby d. Christopher O'Connell, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Ben Shelton d. Zhang Zhizhen, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6(4).
Alexei Popyrin d. Chun Hsin Tseng, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 7-6(4), 6-1.
EARLY WEDNESDAY, FIRST ROUND
#24Roberto Bautista Agut vs. João Sousa, late
Brandon Holt vs. Aleksandar Vukic, late
Adrian Mannarino vs. John Isner, late
Richard Gasquet vs. Ugo Humbert, late
Hugo Dellien vs. Enzo Couacaud, late
Roman Safiullin vs. Denis Kudla, late
Thanasi Kokkinakis vs. Fabio Fognini, late
Michael Mmoh vs. Laurent Lokoli, late
Emil Ruusuvuori vs. Max Purcell, late
Albert Ramos-Vinolas vs. Maxime Cressy, late
EARLY WEDNESDAY, SECOND ROUND
#1Rafael Nadal vs. Mackenzie McDonald, late
#6Felix Auger-Aliassime vs. Alex Molcan, late
#15Jannik Sinner d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2
#28Francisco Cerundolo vs. Corentin Moutet, late

WOMEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
#2Ons Jabeur d. Tamara Zidansek, 7-6(8), 4-6, 6-1.
#4Caroline Garcia d. Katherine Sebov, 6-3, 6-0.
#5Aryna Sabalenka d. Tereza Martincova, 6-1, 6-4.
#9Veronika Kudermetova d. Maryna Zanevska, 6-2, 7-6(4).
#12Belinda Bencic d. Viktoriya Tomova, 6-1, 6-2.
#16Anett Kontaveit d. Julia Grabher, 6-2, 6-3.
#18Liudmila Samsonova d. Jasmine Paolini, 6-2, 6-4.
#19 Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Ysaline Bonaventure, 6-2, 6-1.
Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova d. #21Martina Trevisan, 6-3, 6-2.
#26Elise Mertens d. Garbine Muguruza, 3-6, 7-6(3), 6-1.
#30Karolina Pliskova d. Wang Xiyu, 6-1, 6-3.
Kimberly Birrell d. #31Kaia Kanepi, 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-1.
Camila Giorgi d. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 6-0, 6-1.
Taylor Townsend d. Diane Parry, 6-1, 6-1.
Shelby Rogers d. Arianne Hartono, 6-4, 6-3.
Leylah Annie Fernandez d. Alize Cornet, 7-5, 6-2.
Linda Fruhvirtova d. Jaimee Fourlis, 6-0, 6-4.
Katie Volynets d. Evgeniya Rodina, 6-3, 6-2.
Petra Martic d. Viktorija Golubic, 6-3, 6-4.
Yulia Putintseva d. Sorana Cirstea, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
EARLY WEDNESDAY, FIRST ROUND
#1 Iga Swiatek d. Camila Osorio, 6-2, 6-3.
#3Jessica Pegula d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-2, 7-6(5).
#6Maria Sakkari d. Diana Shnaider, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
#15Petra Kvitova vs. Anhelina Kalinina, late
#17Jelena Ostapenko vs. Ana Bogdan, late
#20Barbora Krejcikova vs. Clara Burel, late
#23Jil Teichman vs. Lin Zhu, late
Bianca Andreescu vs. Cristina Bucsa, late
EARLY WEDNESDAY, FIRST ROUND
#8Anastasia Potapova vs. Varvara Gracheva, late
#14Beatriz Haddad Maia vs. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, late
#23Shuai Zhang vs. Patricia Maria Tig, late
#27Irina-Camelia Begu vs. Elizabeth Mandlik, late
Donna Vekic vs. Oksana Selekhmeteva, late
Tatjana Maria vs. Lucrezia Stefanini, late
Lucia Bronzetti vs. Laura Siegemund, late
Claire Liu vs. Madison Brengle, late
Sloane Stephens vs. Anastasia Potapova, late
Lauren Davis vs. Danka Kovinic, late
Marketa Vondrousova vs. Alison Riske-Amritraj, late
Mayar Sherif vs. Magda Linette, late

GOLF

PGA BOUNCE BACK PERCENTAGE

RK.	GOLFER	RD	PCT.
1	Matt Fitzpatrick	8	54.55
2	Patrick Cantlay	8	45.45
3	Jon Rahm	8	42.86
3	Xander Schauffele	5	42.86
5	Cameron Young	12	42.42
6	Kevin Yu	24	40.38
7	Seamus Power	26	38.30
8	Aaron Baddeley	18	37.50
9	Jimmy Walker	12	36.00
10	Zac Blair	20	35.19
11	Nico Echavarria	16	35.00
12	Mackenzie Hughes	24	34.04
13	Austin Cook	22	32.79
14	Rory Sabbatini	12	32.43
15	Max Homa	16	32.14
15	Scottie Scheffler	16	32.14
17	Ryan Armour	24	32.00
18	Vincent Norrman	14	31.91
19	Austin Eckroat	24	31.75
20	Jacob Bridgeman	8	31.58
21	Viktor Hovland	16	31.43
22	Billy Horschel	14	31.25
23	Cody Gribble	6	30.77
23	Jordan Spieth	10	30.77
25	Kramer Hickok	16	30.43
25	Justin Thomas	8	30.43
27	Webb Simpson	10	30.30
28	Nick Taylor	24	30.19
29	Tom Hoge	28	29.82
29	Alex Smalley	28	29.82
31	Martin Laird	20	29.79
32	Travis Vick	6	29.63
32	Danny Willett	14	29.63
34	Jason Day	20	29.41
34	Andrew Novak	10	29.41

QB Dak Prescott runs for a TD during the Cowboys' 31-14 playoff win over the Buccaneers on Monday night in Tampa, Florida. Prescott also tossed four TDs. **JOHN RAOUX/AP**

NFL PLAYOFFS ANALYSIS

Prescott at his 'best' in victory

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — A week after one of the worst games of his career, Dak Prescott might have played his best game given the circumstances.

The star quarterback drew high praise from plenty of important people, including club owner Jerry Jones and the most recent Cowboys QB to win a Super Bowl, ESPN analyst Troy Aikman.

Prescott's precision in a 31-14 wild-card victory over Tom Brady and the Buccaneers ended an eight-game road playoff losing streak for one of the NFL's iconic franchises.

"I think you saw the results of just absolutely a focused Dak Prescott that all year continued to strive to get better," Jones said on his radio show Tuesday. "In my mind, it's the best game I've ever seen him play."

The bounce-back from Prescott's horrid showing in a 26-6 road loss to the Commanders to finish the regular season came on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Cowboys' most recent road playoff win.

Now the Cowboys (13-5) go to the scene of that NFC title game victory during the 1992 season. The Cowboys visit the 49ers on Sunday with the NFC West champs riding an 11-game winning streak.

With the long road playoff skid stopped, the Cowboys have to tackle another piece of history. Their six-game losing streak in the divisional round is the longest since the 1970 merger.

"We had our mind set on dominating this game and got the win," pass rushing star Micah Parsons said. "It's great to end streaks and start new traditions around here."

Prescott joined Super Bowl winners Aikman and Roger Staubach as the only Cowboys QBs with four touchdown passes in a playoff game, and the first to account for five TDs with his rushing score.

The 76% completion rate (25 of 33) was second to Aikman in club postseason history, a week after the worst of Prescott's career (38%) against the Commanders.

Oh, and that pesky seven-game interception streak ended for a QB who tied for the NFL lead with 15 picks despite missing five games with an injury.

"I wiped that clean, and I knew what this game meant," said Prescott, who also had playoff career highs in yards (305) and passer rating (143.3). "I knew how important it was for us."

What's working

Against the Bucs, the Cowboys defense looked like it did when that unit was carrying the team early in the season.

There was just one threat from Brady and the Buccaneers during a stretch of four consecutive touchdown drives of at least 80 yards by the Cowboys. It ended with an interception in the end zone, the first by Brady inside the 20 since joining the Bucs in 2020.

The Cowboys had the same number of sacks of Brady (two) from the Bucs' 19-3 road win in Week 1. But consistent pressure forced plenty of incompletions.

What needs help

Kicker Brett Maher was historically bad with missed extra points on his first four attempts against the Bucs. He made the fifth.

IN BRIEF

Speed primary cause of fatal Georgia wreck

News services

Georgia football player Devin Willock was not wearing a seat belt when he was ejected from the vehicle in a weekend crash that killed him and 24-year-old recruiting staff member and driver Chandler LeCroy, police said.

A police report released Tuesday listed excessive speed on a road with a 40 mph limit as one of the primary causes of the crash.

The wreck occurred at 2:45 a.m. Sunday in Athens. A few hours earlier, the Bulldogs held a parade and ceremony honoring their second straight national championship.

Two other people were in the car, including offensive lineman Warren McClendon.

Like LeCroy, McClendon was wearing a seatblet while in the right front passenger seat. He has only minor injuries.

Another member of the Georgia staff, Victoria Bowles, was hospitalized with serious injuries. She was sitting in the backseat with Willock, 20, and not wearing a seat belt.

The report said no alcohol or drug test was conducted on LeCroy, though the investigation was continuing. Investigators didn't give an estimated speed.

■ Michigan placed co-offensive coordinator Matt Weiss on leave. The school's police department told ESPN it's investigating a "report of computer access crimes" that occurred in December at the team's football facility.

College basketball: Keyontae Johnson scored 24 points, including the go-ahead alley-oop dunk with 25 seconds left in OT, and No. 13 and host Kansas State beat No. 2 Kansas 83-82 to snap a seven-game series skid.

NFL: The Titans are hiring Ran Carthon, 41, the 49ers director of player personnel, as their GM, ESPN reported. ... Brandon Staley will be back as Chargers head coach, but offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi and QBs coach Shane Day were fired. ... The Browns hired ex-Lions head coach Jim Schwartz, 56, as their defensive coordinator.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Brady won't rush call on retirement

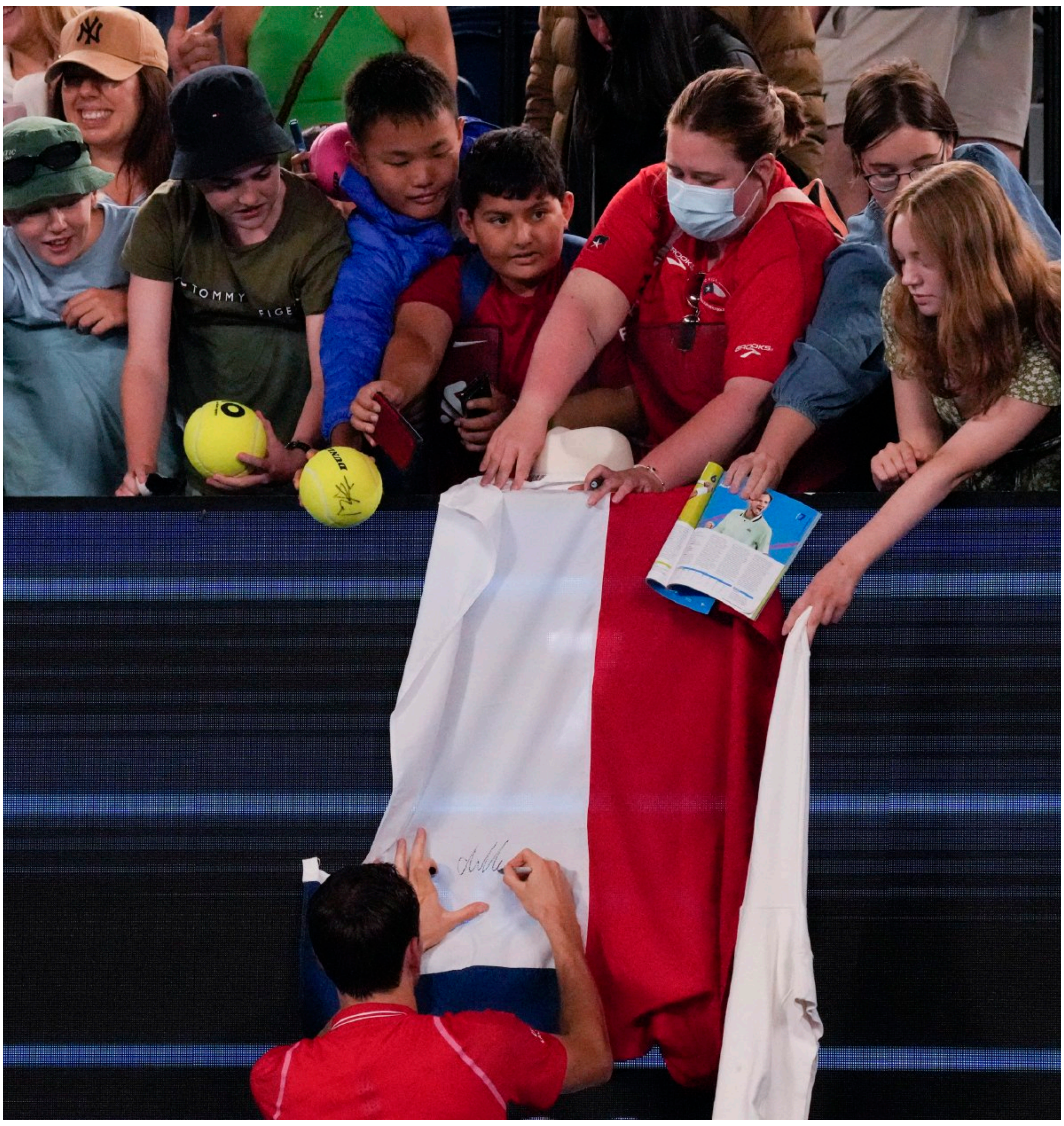
If Tom Brady retires in the offseason, he'll walk away following one of the worst playoff games of his career. The seven-time Super Bowl champion had a tough night against Micah Parsons and the Cowboys, tossing his first red-zone interception with the Buccaneers in a 31-14 loss that ended his team's up-and-down season Monday night. Brady won't be returning home to the Bay Area for a rematch against the 49ers in the NFC divisional round. He may be going home for good, however. The 45-year-old, five-time Super Bowl MVP already retired once after last season only to return 40 days later. He said he'll take more time to make his decision this time around. "It'll be one day at a time, truly," Brady said. It was a tumultuous season personally for Brady. His marriage to Gisele Bündchen ended when they announced in October that their divorce was finalized. He had the first losing season of his 23-year career, though the Bucs won the woeful NFC South and earned the No. 4 seed. Brady is set to become a free agent, so he could choose to continue his unprecedented career with another team.

Murray wins 5-setter vs. Berrettini

Metal hip, bloody knee and all, Andy Murray produced his biggest victory in years. Murray built a huge lead, let it disappear completely, then needed to save a match point against 13th-seeded Matteo Berrettini — who's nearly a full decade younger and ranked more than 50 places higher — before managing to pull out a 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (10-6) triumph across more than 4 ½ epic hours Tuesday in the Australian Open's first round. "The last few years, I've certainly questioned myself at times. There's certainly a lot of people (who) questioned … whether I could still perform at the biggest events and the biggest matches," said the 35-year-old Murray, a former No. 1 now ranked No. 66. "I felt very proud of myself after the match." This was the three-time Grand Slam champ's first defeat of a top-20 opponent at a Slam since 2017. The night session matches that followed in Rod Laver Arena couldn't possibly equal the intensity and drama. Ons Jabeur, the No. 2 seed in the women's draw, nine-time men's champion and No. 4 seed Novak Djokovic and second-seeded Casper Ruud each won.

Police says Miles provided handgun

Investigators said a University of Alabama basketball player charged with capital murder provided the gun used in the fatal shooting, but another man fired the weapon. Investigators wrote in a court document that Darius Miles admitted to providing the handgun immediately before the shooting. Another man is accused of firing the gun and killing a young woman near the university's campus, according to court documents filed in Tuscaloosa. Miles, 21, a junior reserve forward from Washington, D.C., and Michael Lynn Davis, 20, of Charles County, Maryland, are charged with capital murder in the shooting death of 23-year-old Jamea Harris. The shooting occurred early Sunday. Harris was sitting in the passenger seat of a car when she was struck by a bullet, investigators wrote in the court document. Tuscaloosa police Capt. Jack Kennedy declined to say Tuesday where Miles got the gun. As of Jan. 1, Alabama stopped requiring a permit to carry a concealed handgun. Miles and Davis remained in jail. Alabama said in a statement that Miles is no longer on the basketball team. *—AP*



Russia's Daniil Medvedev autographs a Russian flag on Monday at the Australian Open. After another Russian flag was displayed during Ukrainian player Kateryna Baindl's match, the tournament on Tuesday banned flags from Russia and Belarus over the invasion of Ukraine. **AARON FAVILA/AP**

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Real world in Slam spotlight

Once again, there's no escaping global issues at tennis major

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic is back at the Australian Open, which is newsworthy, yes, mainly because of the reason he was not in the tournament a year ago: He is not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Another player — albeit one who is lower-ranked, less successful and less famous, Camila Giorgi — drew scrutiny because of published reports in her home country of Italy about whether she got a fake vaccine certificate from a doctor under investigation that would allow her to travel.

"Unbelievable," Giorgi's father, Sergio, said when that subject was the only one addressed during her news conference at Melbourne Park on Tuesday. "No questions about tennis."

Ah, welcome to the modern world. Tennis, in particular, and sports, in general, can't help but reflect society. And that means athletes, spectators and the folks who run leagues and events must contend with, and perhaps confront, whatever the prevailing global touchpoints are at any given time.

A pandemic. A war. Mental health. #MeToo. Gun violence. And so on.

"There's always those that say, 'Politics and social issues, and sports or entertainment, shouldn't mix. They should be separate.' But that's not reality because you're dealing with people who are being affected by those things. Like it or not, you have to be involved with it," WTA CEO and Chairman Steve Simon said. "And it does direct and force you to make decisions that maybe you traditionally wouldn't want to do."

More than a year ago, Simon declared the women's professional tennis tour would remove all of its tournaments from China over concerns about the well-being of Peng Shuai, a Grand Slam doubles champion who accused a former government official of sexual assault.

Simon wanted a full and transparent inquiry into her allegations and a chance for the tour to communicate with Peng — none of which has happened — and so he still will not commit to bringing WTA events back to China.

With an eye to that matter, along with the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, Simon said: "I'm hopeful that we are moving on to a quieter 2023 with a little fewer of these."

When Aryna Sabalenka, a Belarusian seeded No. 5 at the year's first Grand Slam tournament, was asked Tuesday about a new Tennis Australia policy preventing spectators from bringing flags representing her country or Russia — which invaded Ukraine nearly a year ago — to matches, so as not to cause disruptions, her response was a bit surprising.

"I really thought that … sport (has) nothing to do with politics," Sabalenka said.

This from someone who, like all players from Russia or Belarus, was barred from competing at Wimbledon last year because of the war, leading the tennis tours to take the unprecedented step of withholding ranking points from that prestigious event.

It is only natural that whatever might be a collective concern would become relevant within the realm of sports. Especially in an activity as international as tennis: There are players from more than 40 countries in the singles fields at the Australian Open.

"Sports and tennis can have a role in anything going on around the world. Tennis has players from every continent, tournaments in every continent and it's seen worldwide on TV," said Casper Ruud, a Norwegian who was the runner-up at the French Open and U.S. Open in 2022 and is seeded second at the Australian Open. "Tennis players have a voice, and I think they've used it well over the past year, especially in terms of some political debates and the war in Ukraine. Tennis has stood its ground well."

One example: Iga Swiatek, a 21-year-old from Poland who's ranked No. 1, has been wearing a blue-and-yellow ribbon — the colors of Ukraine's flag — on the hat she wears while playing to show solidarity with that country. She also hosted an exhibition event to raise money for humanitarian efforts there, as have various tournaments.

Another example: Coco Gauff, an 18-year-old from Florida who was the runner-up to Swiatek at last year's French Open, has taken advantage of her platform to make public statements about gun violence and the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and other topics.

And one more: Naomi Osaka, a 25-year-old who was born in Japan and moved to the United States with her family at age 3, wore masks bearing the names of Black victims of police violence during her run to the 2020 U.S. Open title. The next year, she helped spark a public and widespread conversation about the importance of protecting one's mental health by revealing she had dealt with depression and anxiety for years.

"Every time there's a global issue, whether it's good or bad, we definitely feel it in the tennis world, because one of our colleagues, one of our peers, is going to be affected by it. We have players from everywhere. We play everywhere," said Felix Auger-Aliassime, a 22-year-old Canadian who's seeded No. 6 in Melbourne. "You need to have a sense of empathy for people everywhere and the tennis ecosystem is a great representation, on a small scale, of the world."

AROUND THE NBA

For Snyder, 'sabbatical' lands in Paris

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

PARIS — Quin Snyder was back in his element. Sweats, sneakers, T-shirt. Evaluating players, sharing ideas, connecting with new people and reconnecting with some others.

He was coaching again. For two days, anyway.

It's a start.

Snyder was the director of the Basketball Africa League Combine that happened Sunday and Monday in Paris. It was his first time doing anything serious around the game since making the decision last spring to end his tenure as coach of the Jazz after eight seasons.

"This is a sabbatical for me. A personal sabbatical," Snyder told The AP. "I think it's just healthy. It was a hard decision to come to, but this time is unique and at this point in my career, it's something really important to me."

Snyder made no effort to hide how much he was enjoying the two-day gig. Joakim Noah and Dwyane Wade were among those sitting courtside for the games Monday, while Snyder watched from a corner before leading a clinic for coaches after the games were completed.

It's a big week for the sport in Paris. The Bulls and Pistons have arrived in advance of their game in France's capital on Thursday night. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver is scheduled to arrive Tuesday and of course, there's constant talk about Victor Wembanyama — the 19-year-old, 7-foot-3 French phenom who's widely expected to be No. 1 pick in this year's draft. Odds are, Wembanyama will be there Thursday night for the game, watching guys who he'll be playing against in about 10 months.

Snyder saw all the multicultural symmetry Monday, standing in France, watching guys hoping for a chance to play in Africa, with Americans and Italians and Greeks and more in the gym watching and no shortage of languages getting spoken. Halfway around the world from home, he was right at home, since Snyder is comfortable just about anywhere. He's spent time in Senegal with Fall, was part of a Russian league title as an assistant for CSKA Moscow a decade ago, coached in college, coached in the minors, coached in the NBA.

"Basketball builds bridges," Snyder said. "… You can learn so much from other people, other countries, different philosophies that from a practical basketball standpoint make you better. And then all the things that come with that personally, learning about cultures and people. It's one of the beautiful things about sport."

That's why he accepted this assignment, why he spent most of a long flight to Paris going over his plans, why he worked so hard on what would be about 45 minutes leading a clinic. The game has given him a ton, so he gave a little bit back this week.

And he needed a break. Known for how hard he works — "does the guy sleep?" former Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell once asked, and was serious when he asked it — Snyder stepped down in June after leading the Jazz to six consecutive playoff appearances. He was an NBA coach of the year finalist in 2020-21, won nearly 60% of his games with the franchise and is one of only two coaches to end their Jazz tenures with a winning record. Jerry Sloan is the other.

It was time for a change. The Jazz traded Mitchell and Rudy Gobert to start reimagining their roster, Will Hardy — who was one of the coaches-in-waiting hot names in the league — took over as coach and Snyder has enjoyed uninterrupted family time for the first time in forever.

It was not a retirement. Snyder will coach again. When, nobody knows, not even him. But the last two days reminded him how much he needs to be on the floor, talking ball with somebody.

"Hopefully," Snyder said, "I'll have the opportunity to do that again."

Chicago Tribune

FOOD & HEALTH

The passion fruit pani puri at the restaurant Indienne, 217 W. Huron St. in Chicago. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

REVIEW INDIENNE ★★★

Attainable excellence

Indienne offers one of Chicago's most pleasurable and reasonably priced tasting menu experiences

By Nick Kindelsperger
Chicago Tribune

Sneak down to the basement of the Art Institute, trying your best to skip the admittedly excellent Thorne Miniature Rooms, and you'll find the Arthur Rubloff Collection of Paperweights.

Though it sounds like the least interesting exhibit in the whole museum, I'm always mesmerized by the hundreds of meticulously crafted glass objects. I have spent hours gazing at the intricate design patterns, amazed at the way the colors remain vibrant even after hundreds of years.

Though the exhibit is being renovated, I thought back to the room during the first course at Indienne, a remarkable new Indian restaurant by chef Sujan Sarkar in the heart of River North's dining district. That's when I got to admire the passion fruit pani puri, a play on one of India's many savory snacks known collectively as chaats.

Here the filled cylindrical bite has been re-imagined as a strikingly beautiful orange sphere of lightly jellied passion fruit set atop a crisp and wavy version of hollow puri flatbread. It gleams in the light like colored glass, while edible flowers add pops of color. The dish is stunning enough visually to rest in a museum, and when you take a bite, it offers a similarly impressive rush of fruity sweetness, herbal freshness and crackly crunch. What a wonderful way to start a meal.

Even though it has only been open for a few months, Indienne already offers one of Chicago's most exciting and pleasurable tasting menu experiences. It's also one of the city's most reasonably priced. At $95 for the vegetarian tasting menu and $105 for the Chef's Tasting menu, a dinner here is nearly $200 less than several fine-dining spots in town. Combinations don't get much more alluring.

Though Sarkar has grand ambitions for Indienne, he is also adamant the prices not get out of control. "I want people to try my food," Sarkar said. "When I was a young cook, I could never afford to go to those expensive places. Plus, a lot of those places aren't really cooking. They are curating ingredients. I want to be a cook."

One way Sarkar does this is by wisely avoiding the trap of automatically parading out the usual luxury ingredients. I'll never complain about eating caviar, but I also don't think every tasting menu meal has to lead off with a hefty scoop of briny fish eggs. When I see foie gras, it's usually the least interesting course. Yes, there are truffles, but they are kept to a reasonable amount and their funky, earthy aroma works to elevate both courses.

The meal is also a tight seven-course event. "I think seven courses is a very good balance," Sarkar said. "After that, the meal can become a drag."

The last time Chicagoans saw Sarkar, he was heading up the kitchen at Rooh, which opened in the West Loop in 2019. (It picked up three stars from former Tribune food critic Phil Vettel.) He's since left the project, though he's still involved with the Columbus, Ohio; and San Francisco outlets of Rooh. But he was already a decorated chef by the time he landed in the Midwest, working his way through a half-dozen cities on three continents.

At Indienne, Sarkar offers both a tasting menu and a vegetarian alternative that also happens to be egg-free. On a recent visit, my dining guest and I tried both, and we couldn't decide which one we liked more. (Sarkar can also put together a vegan menu, though you'll need to give the restaurant 48-hour notice.)

After the excellent pani puri, the yogurt course continues the chaat exploration, this time tackling aloo chaat. Strands of potato are fried into a crunchy nest that rests on a delicate yogurt mousse and a jiggly panna cotta, with three colorful chutneys

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Ramen collabs from some of Chicago's favorite chefs coming to Ramen-san

By Louisa Chu
Chicago Tribune

Ramen-san, the irreverent noodle restaurants by Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, just announced a new collaboration series with notable creative chefs from Chicago.

Palita Sriratana of Pink Salt, a former health care worker who introduced her Northern Thai-inspired cuisine at a food hall in 2019, will kick off the series Jan. 19.

Upcoming collaboration chefs include Henry Cai of 3 Little Pigs Chi (who's perhaps become best known for his Chinese American fried chicken sandwiches) and Jonathan Zaragoza of Birrieria Zaragoza (a recent rightful star on Netflix's "Taco Chronicles").

"Each visiting chef will create a ramen dish inspired by their

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Chef Palita Sriratana of Pink Salt will kick off the collaboration series at Ramen-san restaurants in Chicago. **COURTESY**

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A flight of beer from Brothership Brewing in Mokena: Neutron (American Pale Ale), from left, Power Cosmic (Double IPA), Teleporter (American Porter), and Plasma Wave (Fruited Sour Ale). **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Get ready to hit the road, beer fans: 5 suburban breweries worth the drive

By Josh Noel
Chicago Tribune

Chicago has been a hotbed of craft brewing for more than a decade, but a funny thing has happened along the way: the suburbs.

The city remains full of memorable breweries, but many of the most exciting Chicagoland upstarts in recent years have sprouted beyond the city lines — in some cases well beyond.

Here are five favorites, in alphabetical order, well worth the drive. All sell beer to go. None sell food, though showing up with food is never a bad idea. And don't forget your designated driver!

Afterthought Brewing Co.

Lombard
20 miles west of downtown Chicago
Visit if: You like saison, are curious about saison, or want an experience unlike any other in Chicago beer.

Mike Thorpe was a garden-variety home brewer before a trip to Belgium in 2011. During that week abroad, he became a full-time devotee of saison, a nuanced, elegant beer style popular in Belgium that most American breweries rarely dabble in.

For Afterthought, it's the entire ethos.

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Baked chicken skin — the ultimate crispy snack.
ANDREW SCRIVANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Cocktails at La Contenta in New York.
KARSTEN MORAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Japanese-Italian food at New York's Kimika.
ADAM FRIEDLANDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

How we'll eat in 2023

Briny flavors, high-end Jell-O shots, a fascination with outer space and a concern for Earth will guide our choices. At least that's what food forecasters say.

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By Kim Severson | The New York Times

Nearly every big change in how we eat starts as a fad, which is really just a shared moment among a subset of diners or cooks that gains traction. Some fads fade away slowly, like wine coolers or molecular gastronomy. Others implode suddenly, like turmeric lattes or the pink sauce that shot up like a rocket on TikTok last year and then exploded.

There are fads that build into trends and then become woven into the fabric of our day. Who knew that a fringe interest in custom-roasted coffee beans in 1960s Berkeley, California, would lead to Starbucks?

It's hard to tell the fleeting from the lasting, but that doesn't keep a lot of people from trying. I waded through dozens of reports and news releases, and interviewed the best food forecasters in the game to peer into the 2023 food crystal ball.

In a time of inflation, climate change and global tensions, some predictions seem grim. "We're fatigued," said Jennifer Zegler, a director of food and drink for the global market research group Mintel. "Simplicity, versatility, escapism and resourcefulness are what our trends boil down to this year."

All is not bleakness. High-end Jell-O shots, bright naturally colored fare and packaging that evokes the '70s are in. Food and drinks that make you feel healthier will continue to proliferate, too. "People want something fun, and they want newness and they want natural," said Claire Lancaster, who forecasts food and drink trends for WGSN.

Here are 10 interpretations of the tea leaves.

Flavor of the year

Embrace the brine. Fresh, bracing marine flavors have spawned a craze for coastal cocktails garnished with crab claws and oysters. Dan Levy, the actor and host of "The Big Brunch," is making Clamato cool. Sea vegetables like kelp and sea creatures like uni have secured spots on trend lists.

Word of the year

Calling yourself a climatarian is so 2022. The new term is regenivore. It's no longer about eating sustainably, which implies a state of preserving what is. A new generation wants food from companies that are actively healing the planet through carbon-reducing agriculture, more rigorous animal welfare policies and equitable treatment of the people who grow and process food.

Look for big changes to reduce waste in packaging. More chefs will use what Mintel calls "climate hero ingredients" like teff, fava and lupin beans, and more diners will choose food and drink that improve their health and the planet's. Even the alcohol industry has started throwing around words like eco-alignment. "These companies don't want to just be seen as doing the right thing daily," said Joan Driggs, who studies retail trends and consumer packaged goods for IRI, a data analysis company. "They want to be really seen as making a positive difference."

Snack of the year

Chicken skins have been trying to elbow out chicharrones for some time, but this may be their year. Riding the wave of an obsessive interest in all forms of fried chicken, crispy chicken skins are the base for nachos at pop-ups, and sauced and spiced as appetizers in restaurants. Rising chicken prices have chefs looking for ways to get more from the bird. Asian cuisines that regularly use chicken skins are providing culinary inspiration.

Chris Moyer, the executive chef for Perdue, placed the skins high on his list of most promising chicken products and likes them in place of croutons in salads or as toupées for roasts. And then there is the crunch factor, which more than 70% of consumers say they look for in a snack, said Denise Lefebvre, senior vice president of R&D for PepsiCo Foods. "People love the crunch," she said. "Anything that amplifies the senses is big now."

Japan-adjacency

Japanese food is the cuisine all the other cuisines most want to hang out with. "Chefs throughout the world, many of Japanese descent, are fusing Japanese ingredients or culinary techniques with foods they love from their surroundings," according to AF&Co and Carbonate, two San Francisco firms that collaborate on an annual hospitality trend report.

In New York, the restaurant Kimika is a popular practitioner of itameshi, the combining of Italian and Japanese cooking. Nikkei, the mashup of Peruvian and Japanese cuisines, is on display at places like Causita in Los Angeles, where Peruvian potatoes stand in for sushi rice. At Ethel's Fancy in Palo Alto, California, a fourth-generation Japanese American chef is defining California-Japanese cooking. Even Nordic chef René Redzepi is getting in on it: His next big-ticket Noma pop-up will be in Kyoto.

The thrill of thrift

Inflation, fears about climate change and growing concern about waste and conspicuous consumption are driving a new interest in frugality. "People are no longer embarrassed and hiding their coupons," Lancaster said. Social media is filled with money-saving tips for the kitchen, and menu hacks to get cheaper items at Starbucks and other restaurants. Energy costs, both monetary and environmental, are expected to persuade home cooks to increase the use of small appliances like microwaves, air fryers and electric kettles rather than turn on the oven. Private-label supermarket brands and restaurants that offer shorter menus and more value are gaining speed. "Expect a stronger focus on durability, flexibility and timelessness as consumers seek to buy less and own products that last longer and serve multiple purposes," Simon Moriarty, director of Mintel Trends, writes in his report on 2023.

Tuber of the year

Ube, a slightly nutty-tasting, vanilla-scented purple yam from the Philippines, is showing up on lots of trend lists and in all kinds of foods and drinks, from pies and waffles to lattes and ube coladas. It easily made the list of colors and flavors that capture the mood of 2023 compiled by food-processing giant ADM. The yam's popularity is riding on an interest in food with bright, natural colors like dragon fruit, lychee and purple Peruvian corn. Also rising: floral flavors like vetiver and ylang-ylang.

The popular ube pie. **CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

One giant step for brandkind

In the same way that the Apollo era popularized Tang and freeze-dried ice cream, a renewed interest in space travel will influence how we eat and drink this year. Anything having to do with space will be big as people look for the optimism and inspiration that seem in limited supply on Earth. Already, there are climate-friendly Moonshot crackers (the wheat was farmed using regenerative methods) and Starlight, a limited-release Coca-Cola drink that calls itself "space flavored." (What exactly space tastes like has spawned deep debate.) "Top Chef" contestants cooked for astronauts last year. Experiments in growing food in space will fuel interest in vertical gardening and vegetables that can grow in stressed environments on Earth.

"The undiscovered novelty of outer space will have a particularly unsullied charm for Gen Z, who are disillusioned with the world as it is," said Zegler of Mintel. "But brands should also consider the inspirational role space will have in Gen Alpha's lives."

Experiential eating

After nearly three years of restricted social interaction and ordering in, people will seek out restaurants that offer interaction, excitement and a bit of a show. Look for more dining-room trolleys, elaborate ice sculptures, flaming desserts like baked Alaska, and cocktails finished tableside with a puff of smoke or a change of color. Food and music will mix in new ways, like updated versions of the old-school piano bar. "There's a quest for interaction," said Andrew Freeman, a hospitality public-relations veteran in San Francisco. "People are willing to spend, but they are going to be looking for the value proposition of the experience. Engagement is the catchword."

Deeper into West African cuisine

Nigerian food, with its rich and varied layers, will be a breakout star in the United States as chefs and diners who are unfamiliar with West African cooking start to understand it from a regional perspective, in the way a general interest in Italian cooking eventually led to an appreciation for the cuisine of Tuscany or Sicily.

In Brooklyn, Nigerian chef Ayo Balogun's Dept of Culture offers an experience that is as much a dinner party as a restaurant. Kwame Onwuachi is playing around with a version of egusi stew at Tatiana, which just opened at Lincoln Center. Fonio, a drought-resistant African grain that suggests a marriage between couscous and quinoa, is being championed by chefs like Pierre Thiam and Alon Shaya. Even Mexican food is getting a Nigerian twist. At Naija Boy Tacos in Sacramento, California, Nigerian American chef Rasheed Amedu is serving curry goat on plantain cassava tortillas and seasoning chicken with the street-kebab spice called suya.

Vibe of the year

Communal eating understandably fell out of favor during the pandemic, and many people aren't ready to return to buffets or reach into the same chip bag. But forecasters see a change coming. "If you look at what our lives were like for a couple of years, we didn't share because sharing was considered dangerous," said Lefebvre of PepsiCo Foods. "Now the sense of community has never been stronger."

That's in part why her company in November introduced Minis, tiny versions of snacks like Cheetos and Sun Chips in canisters that make it easier to pour some into a friend's hand. It's also behind the growing popularity of appetizer and dessert towers, and large-format cocktails like the $100 Disco Mule served in a big disco ball at the Tipsy Alchemist in Austin, Texas. And there might be no better indication than the rising popularity of food for a crowd than the continued growth of food served on a communal board that started with the charcuterie craze.

The vibe goes beyond products. Restaurants, coming out of the pandemic into a new era of staff respect and community love, are sharing more information about the people behind the food, whether listing the names of the whole crew on the menu the way some restaurants name farms or, in the case of Hi Felicia, a new kind of homegrown, high-end restaurant in Oakland, California, encouraging diners to get to know the entire staff by name.

And bonus small bites

In the beverage category, yaupon tea from the American holly tree is on a lot of lists for 2023, along with coffee drinks made with fruit puree and milk, or roasted in a style called white coffee. Avocados will be leaving toast and arriving in cocktails and desserts, and avocado oil will be a favorite cooking medium. In boozy trends, watch for the Mexican spirit called sotol and a retro interest in Galliano liqueur. Casual restaurants will experiment with monthly subscriptions, and fancy ones with aged fish. Fermentation continues its march to the top of a lot of lists, with no-ingredient ingredients like no-bee honey and no-cacao chocolate.

Raise a glass to one of best wine cities: London

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

Blandford Comptoir in Marylebone focuses on wines from the Rhone Valley. **PETER FLUDE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

LONDON — What's the greatest city in the world in which to drink wine? To me, it comes down to two: New York and London.

Neither is associated historically with a winemaking region, which is part of what makes them so great. Without the legacy of local production, both cities were compelled to look far and wide for wine — and as port cities, they had access to wines from wherever they were made.

In London, the far older city, that freedom required far-reaching discernment. Wine lovers needed to judge every sort of wine on its merits rather than specialize in what was easily accessible.

Americans have Britain to thank, or to blame, for the notion of wine connoisseurship. Expertise with an open heart is an extraordinary thing. Combined with insularity and disdain, however, it gives rise to snobbery and pretentiousness, which is the bane of wine everywhere.

I have always believed that New York was the best city for wine, but after 10 days in London in late November, I am rethinking that conviction.

Great wine lists can be found, of course, at the most expensive restaurants with multiple Michelin stars, as well as at famous places like St. John and the Ledbury. But I skipped those. London's place as a noteworthy wine city is felt in all sorts of restaurants, from storefronts and counters to formal dining rooms. Here are seven places to find an excellent glass.

The Drapers Arms: The Drapers Arms, in Islington, is the English pub of my dreams. The food is wonderful and the cask beer excellent. The wine list is astonishing and mostly French, along with terrific, well-priced choices from Germany, Spain and South Africa. This comfortable old pub pours its bottles into expensive Zalto glasses, so you know it takes wine seriously. I had poached leeks and a venison pie with a suet crust, carrots and onions, lovely on a rainy afternoon. Most of the patrons were hoisting glasses of ale, but I drank a gorgeous 2018 Vin de Jardin from Domaine de Galouchey, one of my favorite Bordeaux producers.

■ 44 Barnsbury St., Islington, thedrapersarms.com

Hunan: This understated family-run restaurant in Pimlico is a delightful stop for an impeccable tasting menu that seemed more Cantonese than Hunanese. Settle in and food begins to arrive — chive cake, prawn dumplings, stir-fried venison, mussels in black bean sauce — 20 to 25 courses in all. The wine list is extensive. It's full of classics — Champagnes, white Burgundies, rieslings, Bordeaux — but offers its share of surprises under $100 as well. We drank a superb, breezy 2019 combination of riesling and furmint from Moric in Austria, which cost roughly $50. When, like Hunan, you've been in business for 40 years, you can offer well-aged, well-priced bottles, too, like a 2006 riesling Auslese Schlossbockelheim from Donnhoff for $80.

■ 51 Pimlico Road, Pimlico, hunanlondon.com

Medlar: Medlar is in an area of Chelsea known as World's End, yet this smart, unpretentious white-tablecloth bistro is a wonderful reason to see life through. A two-course lunch for roughly $50 might include crisp pork croquettes in a celeriac-and-apple remoulade followed by Cornish brill, a flatfish, with a hazelnut-truffle pesto, both thoughtful combinations of textures and flavors. Medlar offers a serious cheese selection, and the wine list, put together by Melania Battiston, is wide-ranging and well-priced, with plenty of the classics but also many less-familiar options from Europe, Australia, South Africa and the U.S.

■ 438 King's Road, World's End, medlarrestaurant.co.uk

Brawn: When it opened in 2010, Brawn, an unprepossessing brick corner restaurant in the East End, was one of London's natural-wine pioneers. Now, it's one of dozens of casual, hip places, with two significant differences: The extensive list of natural wines is beautifully chosen, and the food is outstanding. An appetizer of cuttlefish, chickpeas and 'nduja was perfectly balanced; the pastas, an agnolotti stuffed with pumpkin in a sage-butter sauce and a spaghetti in a ragu of pork shoulder, were extraordinary. I loved an expressive 2021 Roche Bezigon from Jean-Christophe Garnier, a Loire chenin blanc that is difficult to find in the United States.

■ 49 Columbia Road, Bethnal Green, brawn.co

Blandford Comptoir: Xavier Rousset owns a small group of restaurants that put wine front and center. At the discreet Blandford Comptoir in Marylebone, Rousset and sommelier Andi Harabagiu have assembled an exceptional wine list with a focus on the Rhone Valley. It's not inexpensive, though you can easily drink well for under $75 a bottle. But the glory is in the Hermitages, Chateauneuf-du-Papes and other Rhone appellations, which are not all cheap. I drank a sublime Jean-Louis Chave estate St.-Joseph 2016, one of the best St.-Josephs, for about $175, and it was memorable. The food is what Americans once called Continental, or pan-European. I had a robust boeuf bourguignon and a walnut tart that could not have been better.

■ 1 Blandford St., Marylebone, blandford-comptoir.co.uk

The Quality Chop House: The Sunday roast is a beloved tradition across Britain. The Quality Chop House in Clerkenwell is a great place to enjoy the experience. This 150-year-old eating house has been rejuvenated into an inviting, informal bastion of English meat-eating, the kind of place you could imagine yourself pounding the table for a joint of stag. First was a cup of "game tea," a rich, complex broth that deserved contemplation. After that, food seemed to arrive in an avalanche. One shouldn't plan another meal — or, really, anything — after a Sunday roast like this. You could get fancy with wine, as the eclectic list does not ignore the high end, but a 2020 Fleurie Poncie, a gently fruity cru Beaujolais from Du Grappin, was perfect for the occasion.

■ 88-94 Farringdon Road, Clerkenwell, thequalitychophouse.com

Kiln: The menu here is influenced by northern Thai cuisine, but the ingredients at Kiln, in Soho, are from England. While the restaurant has a cellar dining room, the real fun is in the casual, street-level counter where the cooks work over charcoal. Dishes like northern-style laap sausage; pollock in a sour curry; or glass noodles baked with pork belly and crab in a clay pot are excellent. The wines are all natural, with many by-the-glass options. While many seem obscure, the wines I had — a sparkling chardonnay-pinot blanc from Nibiru in the Kamptal region of Austria, and a counoise, vinified as a white, from Les Freres Soulier in Languedoc — went beautifully with the spicy cuisine.

■ 58 Brewer St., Soho, kilnsoho.com

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Chef Sujan Sarkar at his restaurant Indienne, 217 W. Huron Street in Chicago, on Jan. 12.

The lamb dish at Indienne. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Indienne

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precisely piped on top. Each bite is crackly, creamy, and bursting with spices. It's another triumph.

It's not until the third course the two tasting menus truly diverge. Sarkar said he always knew he wanted to have a vegetarian option, especially since so many people in India eat vegetarian meals on a regular basis. Plus, he finds vegetables more exciting to prepare. "Cooking meat is easy," Sarkar said. "But it takes a lot of effort to keep the textures right for the vegetables."

Sarkar described the vegetarian menu's fourth course as a play on a samosa. But instead of being made with a flour dough, Sarkar uses yuba. "That's soy milk skin," Sarkar said. "I wanted to cut down on the amount of gluten." The crackly casing holds creamy edamame and potato and rests on a yellow chile pachadi, a smooth but genuinely spicy sauce.

Not to say the meatier menu isn't worth trying. One of the most intriguing courses of the night is the chicken malai tikka. Instead of serving a piece of chicken, Sarkar dishes out a rectangular slice of chicken terrine made with pressed thigh meat. Each one is topped with a few exactly positioned slices of truffle and is paired with a supple braised leek. That's all tied together with a malai sauce made using Amul cheese, an extremely popular brand of Indian processed cheese. As Sarkar admitted, he has a soft spot for the product, and it certainly adds a salty, sour note to the velvety-smooth sauce.

The chef's tasting menu ends with the lamb burrah, featuring an impeccably cooked piece of lamb with four dynamically flavored sauces. Only the slightly dated plating (lots of sauce swooshes) holds this dish back.

The dessert courses allow Sarkar to show off his childhood love of sweets. "In Kolkata, we eat sweet before everything else, and sweet after everything else," Sarkar said. Both menus end with different desserts, each remarkable. The vegetarians might win with the besan barfi, a twist on an Indian dessert that gets a decadent topping of chocolate. On the chef's tasting menu, you'll get rasmalai (air). Traditionally, the popular Indian dessert of rasmalai features a kind of cheese soaked in thickened milk imbued with cardamom. Sarkar swaps the cheese for cloud-like meringues, lending the dessert a breezy finale.

Indienne also has an a la carte menu, which I tried one night at the bar. While you'll be able to try a few extra dishes, such as an excellent duck keema, I missed the progression of the tasting menu.

But I did love the cocktails. Each is named after a city, and while they might not necessarily sound coherent, they are deeply fascinating. Take the Delhi, which somehow combines mezcal, goat cheese, apricot and grapefruit into a suave sipper. The wine list is equally engaging. Instead of dividing up the bottles by region or varietal, you'll find them grouped by art movements, such as pop art, impressionism and abstract expressionism.

Indienne is already one of the most exciting new restaurants in Chicago. But I have to admit that part of me did worry Sarkar would quickly move on to another project in another city. Fortunately, he's serious about staying here.

"My address is Chicago," Sarkar said. "I've lived in so many big cities, including London, Dubai, Bangkok, San Francisco and New York. I'm so proud I live in Chicago now. The best decision I made was to open Indienne here."

The malai tikka dish at Indienne.

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indiennechicago.com
Tribune rating: Excellent, three stars
Open: 5-10 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 5-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday; closed Sunday.
Prices: Vegetarian tasting menu $95; chef's tasting menu $105
Noise: Conversation friendly
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible, bathroom on the same floor
Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Ramen-san

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cooking style that will be available at all Ramen-san locations (River North, Streeterville, Fulton Market and Lincoln Park upon opening) for a limited time for dine-in, carryout and delivery," according to a LEYE release. "The partnership will culminate with a one-night-only event, where the visiting chef will serve an exclusive multi-course dinner to guests, with tickets available for purchase through Tock."

Ramen-san in Lincoln Park is expected to open in February at 1962 N. Halsted St.

All three locations currently open will serve Sriratana's khao soi nua ramen, promising flavorful braised beef in a light red curry and tamarind broth with pickled mustard greens, featuring the restaurant's "Tokyo wavy noodles," from Jan. 19-31.

The chef will host her collab series finale dinner at Ramen-san in Fulton Market on Jan. 31, but it's already sold out.

A family-style meal will include miang kham (leaf wrapped bites with pineapple, grilled galangal paste and roasted coconut shards), som tum (spicy green papaya salad), nam khao tod (crispy rice with fermented pork sausage), sai ua tsukune (Northern Thai style chicken sausage) and her collab ramen, the khao soi nua. She'll finish with a dessert of Thai tea mousse in pâte à choux.

To make ramen reservations, go the Ramen-san's main site.

59 W. Hubbard St., 312-377-9950; 219 N. Green St., 773-645-0085; 165 E. Huron St., 312-767-4075; ramensan.com

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Breweries

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"As you can tell from the menu, we do one thing," Thorpe said. "I figured I would do what I like to drink."

Though it's how many European breweries operate, focusing on a single style is an outlier approach in the United States. As a result, Afterthought is one of the smallest breweries in the Chicago area, making about 100 barrels of beer per year available at only a handful of spots, including The Beer Cellar, The Beer Temple and The Green Lady. About 10% to 20% of production is exported to Europe.

Thorpe, an antitrust attorney by day, launched a production brewery in 2016 in an 800-square-foot industrial garage about a mile from the taproom he opened in 2021. It is housed in a standalone building surrounded by parking lot, a stark image betraying its previous incarnations as a used car dealership and a KFC. Inside, where jazz plays and beer is sipped from stemmed glassware, it feels as if you could be in a cottage in the Belgian countryside.

Afterthought's 16 taps usually include eight to 10 saisons of its own, though with wrinkles: made with different fruits, different hops and one aged in barrels that previously aged the legendary Jeppson's Malort. (It's layered, refreshing, herbal, tart, fruity and delicious.)

The rest of the taps are a combination of saisons from other breweries, other Belgian styles and a couple left turns to appease the beer drinkers who need a lager or an India pale ale.

Education is key in such a taproom.

"A lot of people come in and maybe don't even know what a saison is," Thorpe said.

Bartenders are happy to pour samples to help customers find what they like. Thorpe said they mostly succeed thanks to saison's flavor profiles, which he described as echoing "carbonated white wine — think of crossing white wine with old-school pale ale and that's where you end up."

It's a singular Chicago beer drinking experience and was well worth the drive for one family who had traveled nearly an hour to be there on a recent Friday afternoon.

"We live in Crystal Lake, but this is a destination," a man told Thorpe as he prepared to leave.

"A little slice of Belgian heaven," said one of his companions.

"We'll be back," said another.

218 E. St. Charles Road, Lombard; 630-849-7872; afterthoughtbrewing.com

Art History Brewing

Geneva

36 miles west of downtown Chicago

Visit if: You want a broad array of beers done well (especially lagers).

Like with many breweries, the husband-wife ownership team of Tom and Cindy Rau envisioned IPA as their flagship when launching Art History Brewing in May 2020. Customers wound up sending them in a different direction: lagers.

Tucked in the back corner of a Geneva shopping center, sandwiched between an Ace Hardware and a Chinese restaurant, Art History has become one of the Chicago's go-to breweries for lagers in its short existence.

Art History makes a point of having three Czech-style lagers on tap at a time, plus plenty of others. At a recent visit, Art History's 17 taps featured Italian-style pilsner, German-style pilsner, Vienna-style lager, a boozy bock and a Baltic porter. But Art History doesn't restrict itself: the draft list also included two IPAs, two saisons, two stouts and an English-style bitter on cask.

Art History is the quintessential "something for everyone" kind of brewery — and the beers are roundly well made.

"We like to play in a lot of spaces," Cindy Rau said. "We enjoy a lot of styles."

Roaring Table Brewery and Taproom owners Lane Fearing, left and Beth May show a flight of beers at their establishment on Jan. 12 in Lake Zurich. **H. RICK BAMMAN/PIONEER PRESS**

A fruited barrel-aged Saison beer called Circle Tour: Black Raspberry at Afterthought Brewing Company. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Art History has a secret weapon that isn't so secret to longtime observers of the Chicago beer scene: Brewer Greg Browne has brewed beer in the area since the 1990s, when he was one of the early production brewers for Goose Island Beer Co.

"He's a big part of our success," Tom Rau said. "He's been introducing us to key accounts and, of course, there's the quality of the beer."

The Art History taproom looks like hundreds of small breweries — an intimate space packed with brewing equipment and customers happily sipping away as they chat or play cards. The Raus said they were after a "light and colorful and cheery" taproom with plenty of windows.

They've recently launched a production brewery, Geneva Lager Works, that will produce Art History lagers for distribution in cans and beer under contract for other breweries. The Raus plan to make a sizable push into the market with those cans in 2023, though for the most thorough Art History experience, the taproom remains the place to be.

649 W. State St., Geneva; 630-345-6274; arthistorybrewing.com

Brothership Brewing

Mokena

31 miles south of downtown Chicago

Visit if: You like hazy IPA.

Like many college students, Kyle Obright and Ryne Willig drank plenty of Keystone at Northern Illinois University. Then they discovered craft beer.

In addition to Chicago's robust brewing landscape, they soon became fascinated with the beers they couldn't get here and started trading local beers, especially Three Floyds, for hazy IPAs made on the East Coast.

That segued into home brewing and winning competitions under their home-brew moniker, Brothership. They would brew 5 gallons at a time, sharing most of it with friends or in lines awaiting beer releases.

After a few years, and spurred on with the addition of three more partners, Obright and Willig decided to take Brothership professional.

Or as Obright put it: "A big ol' hobby turned way out of control."

Brothership finally launched in the south suburbs in February 2020, then pivoted within weeks with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic by selling growlers to go and slowly building a following for a deft touch with hazy IPA and barrel-aged stout. They've branched out into other approaches, such as clear IPA and various lagers, but hazy IPA reigns supreme in the Brothership taproom — "a driving force," Obright said.

The plaudits have come often, including stellar reviews from the legendarily persnickety online beer review community. Brothership even earned the top new beer on the Untappd beer review site in November 2021.

"Seeing it at No. 1 was kind of crazy," Obright said. "It just reaffirmed we were on the right track."

Obright said Brothership is only motivated to improve, continuing to tweak practices and recipes.

"We're never just re-brewing a beer," he said. "We're always changing something."

It's a small brewery distributing small amounts of beer, which means the IPAs, in particular, are snapped up with remarkable speed once reaching the few dozen stores where Brothership is sold.

A visit to the taproom is the surest way to delve into the Brothership world. Obright said the taproom attracts mostly locals, but he has been surprised to find visitors showing up from Iowa and Wisconsin.

"We just try to be pretty family oriented and community based," he said. "A lot of times we're hanging out at the bar ourselves, just trying to be welcoming to everyone."

18781 S. 90th Ave., Mokena; 708-995-7014; brothershipbrewing.com

Goldfinger Brewing

Downers Grove

20 miles southwest of downtown Chicago

Visit if: Lagers are your thing.

There are plenty of excellent breweries in the Chicago area. Not many leave as strong and lasting of an impression as Goldfinger, its Downers Grove taproom and its Helles lager.

The beer is magnificent — a rich, grassy, earthy aroma followed by grainy sweetness on the palate chased with a drying finish. But brewery owner and head brewer Tom Beckmann also credits his Czech side pour faucets, which allow for a creamier head, impacting the flavor and texture of every sip.

Goldfinger specializes in lagers. You will find no IPAs here. No ales at all. But if lagers are your thing, you won't find them made with any more reverence and care than Beckmann imbues at the brewery he launched in July 2020.

Beckmann keeps things blessedly simple. There are six taps, and really, what more do you need? Four of the beers are always there, and they're all worth having on repeat: that Helles lager (dubbed the Original on the beer menu), a muscular pilsner, a malty Vienna-style lager and the lightest beer, a Mexican-style lager.

The other two taps vary with the season; when I visited they were a dark Mexican lager and a silky Baltic porter (which, yes, is a lager). The menu is tweaked every couple months — the opposite of how many breweries operate with constant streams of new beer. Goldfinger sticks to familiar styles and patient process, all the way down to creamy carbonation from bubbles produced during fermentation, as opposed to the carbon dioxide injected into most beers.

"We want to be simple for customers, while also pointing out lagers can be super complex and diverse," Beckmann said.

The menu also makes clear Beckmann's devotion to craft. Beyond describing each beer's alcohol content and bitterness — standard at many breweries — Beckmann names the mash process used to brew each beer: step mash, single decoction or double decoction. The hope was that customers would ask for details, and they do.

"For an all-lager brewery, we wanted to make clear what makes us special, and that starts with our process," he said.

Goldfinger is an homage to his great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, who owned a brewery in Krakow, Poland. Their last name translated to Goldfinger.

The taproom reflects the inspiration, including ads and newspaper clippings from that brewery on the wall inside the front door.

Just beyond is a space that's spare and simple, meant to be "a modern take on what you would have found back in the day," Beckmann said. Nothing makes the point better than the beer on tap.

513 Rogers St., Downers Grove; 630-541-9728; goldfingerbrewing.com

Roaring Table Brewing

Lake Zurich

33 miles northwest of downtown Chicago

Visit if: You want a broad beer experience in a taproom more elegant than most.

For a couple years after opening Roaring Table in 2017, husband-and-wife owners Lane Fearing and Beth May weren't quite sure what they'd done.

After nearly nine years brewing at the legendary Mickey Finn's brewpub in Libertyville, Fearing had struck out on his own to share his love of hospitality and varied beer drinking.

Instead, customers only seemed to want the trendy beers of the day, namely hazy IPA and fruited sours. He made a dry Irish stout for Roaring Table's first St. Patrick's Day, assuming customers would order it without a second thought. Instead, it just sat there.

May, with an eye on the bottom line, urged her husband to give people what they wanted. That included a few milkshake IPA with lactose and fruit that Fearing had no interest in making and even less interest in drinking.

"I forced Lane to make a lot of stuff early on to keep our customers' attention," May said.

"I'm very excited to think I'll never have to make some of that stuff again," Fearing said.

Fortunately for Roaring Table — and beer drinkers near and far — consumers have become more open-minded in recent years, freeing Fearing to pursue his whims. The result is one of the Chicago area's most interesting and eclectic beer menus, though without gratuitous stunts or ingredients.

Roaring Table is largely beholden to tradition, whether it's Fearing's take on low-alcohol English cask beer, Czech-style lager or saison (which won a bronze at the 2022 World Cup competition). Roaring Table also dabbles at the edges of classic styles not often seen on American beer menus, such as rye pale ale aged on oak, and tart, funky wild ale from a hulking oak foeder.

But it's also a place for everyone, with plenty of lagers, a finely balanced hazy IPA and barrel-aged stouts. Most important, they pull off the all-important trick of doing an array of styles well.

"We just kept plugging away and things seem to be turning," May said. "Beer is diversifying."

Fearing and May weren't eager to open a brewery in a strip mall, but they had few other choices. They did their best to obscure that fact by building an unusually elegant taproom that includes wallpaper, curtains, leather couches, a fireplace and frosted windows to obscure the Taco Bell drive-thru outside their front door. The goal, May said, was "if you squinted, you could feel you're in the city or on the North Shore in a cooler, older space."

"I really didn't want our brewery to be in a strip mall," May said. "But I think it's pretty cool for being in a strip mall."

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HEALTH

Lynne Ingersoll, 77, holds her cat Jesse at her home in Blue Island, Illinois. Ingersoll is considered "kinless": without a partner, offspring or siblings.
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Caring for the 'kinless'

Number of older adults with no close family, kids, partners is rising

By Paula Span
The New York Times

Lynne Ingersoll and her cat, Jesse, spent a quiet Thanksgiving together in her small bungalow in Blue Island, Illinois.

A retired librarian, Ingersoll never married or had children. At 77, she has outlived her parents, three partners and her two closest friends.

When her sister died four years ago, Ingersoll joined the ranks of older Americans considered "kinless": without partners or spouses, children or siblings. COVID-19 largely suspended gatherings with friends, too. Now, she said, "my social life consists of doctors and store clerks — that's a joke, but it's pretty much true."

Like many older adults, Ingersoll has an array of health problems: kidney disease, asthma, heart disease, arthritis that makes walking difficult. She's managing, but "I can see a time when that's not going to be true," she said. "I'm not sure what I'm going to do about it."

An estimated 6.6% of American adults 55 and older have no living spouse or biological children, according to a study published in 2017 in The Journals of Gerontology: Series B. (Researchers often use this definition of kinlessness because spouses and children are the relatives most apt to serve as family caregivers.)

About 1% fit a narrower definition: lacking a spouse or partner, children and biological siblings. The figure rises to 3% among women over 75.

Those aren't high proportions, but they amount to a lot of kinless people: close to 1 million older Americans without a spouse or partner, children or siblings in 2019, including about 370,000 women over 75.

"We assume that everyone has at least some family, but that's not the case anymore," said Rachel Margolis, a sociologist at the University of Western Ontario and co-author of the study.

Several factors have fostered increased kinlessness. Baby boomers have lower marriage rates and higher divorce rates than their parents, and more have remained childless. The rise of so-called gray divorce, after age 50, means fewer married seniors, and extended life spans can make for more years without surviving family.

Joan DelFattore, 76, believes older folks can be supported even without close family.
KARSTEN MORAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Among older couples, cohabitation has increased as an alternative to marriage, but those seniors are less likely than married couples to receive care from their partners.

In addition, seniors who are Black, female and have lower levels of wealth have higher rates of kinlessness.

The growing number of kinless seniors, who call themselves "elder orphans" or "solo agers," worries researchers and advocates because this group faces numerous disadvantages.

A study of middle-aged and older adults in Canada found that those without partners or children (the study included no data on siblings) had lower levels of self-reported mental and physical health and higher levels of loneliness. They were less likely to participate in activities like sports, cultural or religious groups, or service clubs — a predictor of later cognitive impairment.

Kinless Americans die earlier. Margolis and her co-authors, using data from the University of Michigan Health and Retirement Study, found that a decade after respondents' initial interviews, more than 80% of seniors with partners and children had survived, compared with about 60% of those without either.

At the end of life, researchers at Mount Sinai in New York reported, people without partners and children had received less caregiving each week and were likelier to have died in nursing homes.

"Getting old is hard under the best of circumstances and even harder if you're going it alone or with weak social ties," said Dr. Deborah Carr, a sociologist and researcher at Boston University.

On the other hand, Joan DelFattore, 76, a retired English professor at the University of Delaware, said, "I had a sense from an early age that I simply didn't see myself as a wife and mother. ... I went about constructing a single life."

DelFattore, who is in good health, still writes and researches, and she periodically teaches a graduate course. She stays in contact with friends, walking several times a week with one of them, and remains close to cousins in New Jersey, with whom she spent the holidays.

And she dislikes "the cultural perception that old people being without immediate family has to mean that you're needy, you don't have support."

Sociologists call that strategy "substitution" — turning to friends and neighbors for the connections that families traditionally have provided.

A study of sole family survivors, the last members of the families they grew up in, found that, for unclear reasons, they were disproportionately likely to lack spouses or partners and children, and thus were doubly vulnerable.

Having family is no guarantee of help as people age. Estrangement, geographic distance and relatives' own declining health can render them unwilling or unable to serve as caregivers.

In the absence of any broad public program, experts suggest a variety of smaller solutions to support kinless seniors.

Shared housing and co-housing, providing safety and assistance in numbers and community, could grow. The village movement, which helps seniors age in place, might similarly expand. Revised family-leave policies and caregiver-support programs could include friends and neighbors, or more distant relatives.

However governments, community organizations and health care systems address the issue, there's little time to waste. Projections indicate that kinlessness will increase greatly as the population cohorts behind the baby boom age.

"Younger people are less likely to marry and have children, and they have fewer siblings," said Susan Brown, a sociologist at Bowling Green State University and an author of the study of sole family survivors. "How will they navigate health declines? We don't have a good answer. I'm not sure people are paying attention."

Staying hydrated may repel disease, slow aging

HealthDay News

Could hydration hold the key to longevity?

Maybe, suggests new research that discovered older adults who are properly hydrated may be healthier and live longer than those who aren't, having less incidence of conditions like heart and lung disease.

"Staying well-hydrated may slow down aging, prevent or delay development of chronic diseases and therefore prolong disease-free life," said lead investigator Natalia Dmitrieva of the Laboratory of Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine at the U.S. National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

"The best way for people to keep well-hydrated is to be aware of the amount of fluids they drink without engaging in intensive sports activities or (spending) a long time in a hot environment," she said.

The current recommendations vary from 2 to 3 liters of fluid daily — for women, that's 6 to 9 cups of fluids like water each day, while men need around 8 to 12 cups, she said.

"Worldwide population surveys estimate that more than 50% of people drink less fluid than recommended and therefore have an opportunity to decrease their risk of developing chronic diseases by increasing water intake to the recommended levels," Dmitrieva said.

Samantha Heller, a senior clinical nutritionist at NYU Langone Health in New York City, agreed that being well-hydrated is essential for healthy living.

"Our bodies work hard to maintain a healthy fluid balance, which includes keeping serum sodium levels (blood salt levels) tightly regulated. Triggering thirst is one way the body signals us that we need to consume more water," she said.

Drinking water isn't the only way to maintain good hydration, Heller said.

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"Hydration requirements can be met through the consumption of certain foods, such as fruits and vegetables, as well as beverages. It's best to avoid drinking sugar-sweetened beverages and diet drinks," she said. Opt instead for water, seltzer, tea and herbal teas like peppermint or chamomile.

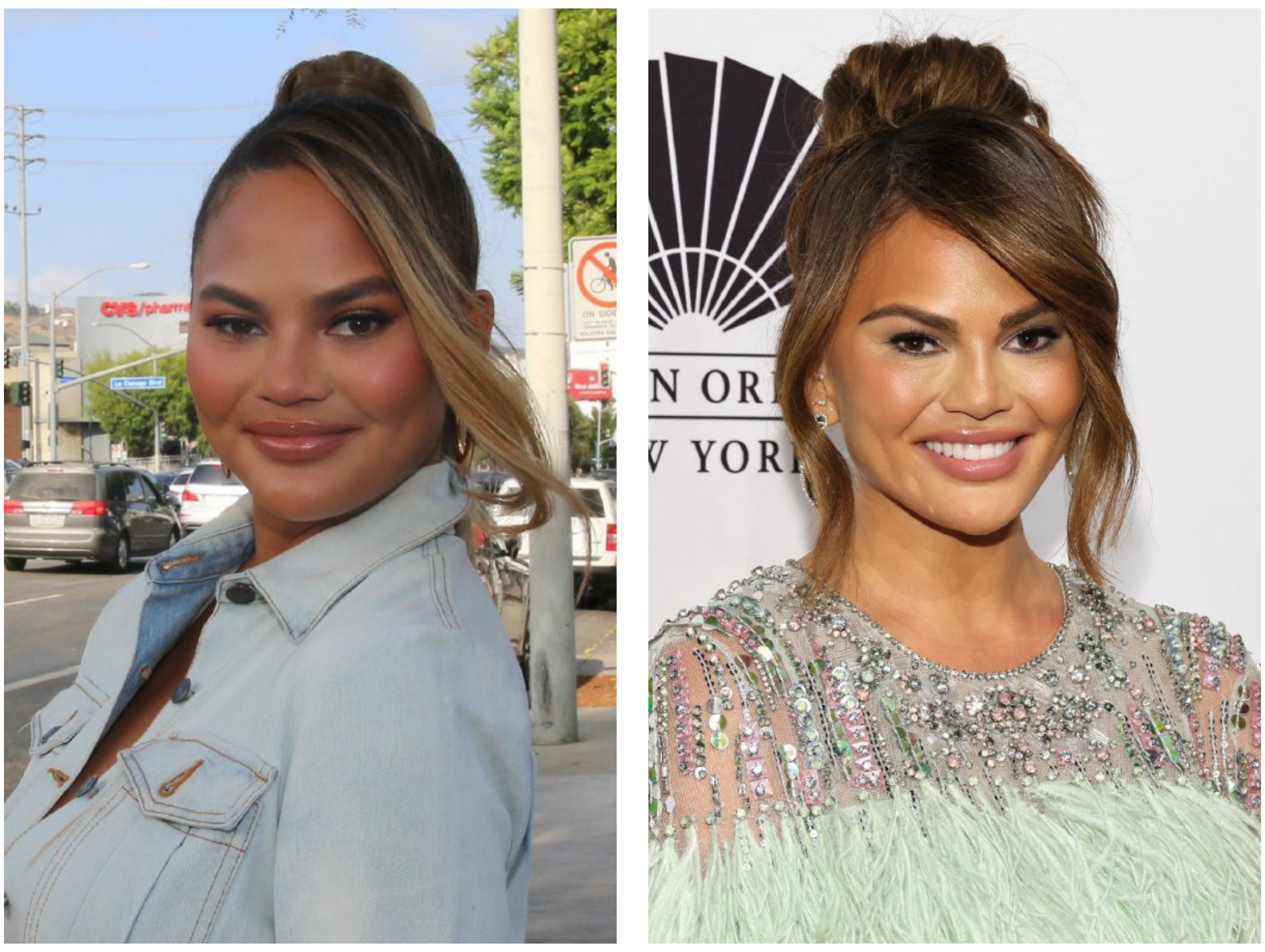
But don't overdo it. "Drinking too much water can be dangerous. If the kidney cannot excrete excess water, the sodium content in the blood becomes diluted. This is called hyponatremia and it can be life-threatening," Dmitrieva said.

The report was published this month in the journal eBioMedicine.

‘The perfect surgery to go viral’

Buccal fat removal all the rage, but it’s not without risks

By Emily Bloch
The Philadelphia Inquirer



Chrissy Teigen before and after undergoing a buccal fat removal surgery. **DAVID YEH/NBCUNIVERSAL, DIA DIPASUPIL/GETTY**

TikTok’s latest cosmetic surgery trend is buccal fat removal — a procedure that removes fat padding from a person’s face, in turn removing some of its roundness.

Celebrities like Chrissy Teigen have confirmed having the work done. Others are rumored to have had it done but are staying quiet.

The procedure represents the latest plastic surgery craze on TikTok, with hundreds of millions of views listed under the hashtag #BuccalFatRemoval. Plastic surgeons in favor say it’s a quick procedure that targets an area of insecurity for some.

Kirk Lozada, a physician who owns a nasal and facial plastic surgery office in Philadelphia, hosts TikTok and YouTube accounts centering around his office’s procedures. He has published several videos showing the procedure.

“The recent trend of buccal fat in social media and the news has been fun and not that surprising given my experience,” Lozada said. “Like most trends, celebrities and influencers sharing their experience drives a lot of attention and boosts interest: Kim Kardashian with vampire facials, Kylie Jenner’s lip filler, even Chrissy Teigen with buccal fat not too long ago.”

Still, not everyone’s on board. Critics say it’s the latest example of an internet trend that pushes impossible beauty standards, particularly on young girls. Here’s what you need to know.

(Tip: if TikTok’s algorithm has spared you so far and you’re not curious, don’t look this one up. The videos are graphic by nature and not for the squeamish.)

What is buccal fat?

Buccal (pronounced “buckle”) fat is the padding around a face’s cheek area, between the cheekbones and jawbones.

It’s a component that determines whether a person’s face appears more sculpted or rounder and more cherub-like. It is minimally impacted by weight gain or loss, a plastic surgeon told The New York Times. Rather, you’re born with the amount of buccal fat you’ll grow up with.

“The ideal candidate for buccal fat removal is someone who has large or full cheeks that don’t improve even with weight loss,” Lozada said. The area removed is next to the corners of the mouth.

Lozada said anyone can get a loose example of themselves with and without buccal fat by pretending to lightly suck in on a straw while looking in the mirror.

What does process entail?

The operation is a half-hour-long outpatient procedure that uses local anesthetic, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

The surgery consists of making a small incision inside the patient’s mouth and removing a grape-sized fat pad, the Times said. The incision is closed with dissolvable stitches and patients usually recover within a week.

Lozada said the procedure leaves no visible scarring.

The removal is considered a permanent procedure (it can be reversed, but would be a more complex process).

The cost can range from $5,000 to $20,000 depending on the surgeon and would not be covered by insurance, GoodRX said.

What does it look like after?

On TikTok, users in favor of the operation or who have had it themselves tout the procedure as a permanent way to “snatch” your jawline.

Teigen said on Instagram that after quitting drinking, getting the procedure helped affirm her self-image.

TikToks about buccal fat removal show photos of celebrities with highly contoured, chiseled and sometimes sunken jawlines.

Lozada said patients who get the work done are usually asking for a “slimmer face” or “more contour.”

Why is it so popular now?

Buccal fat removal isn’t new. The procedure itself has been around for about 50 years.

But, Lozada said, the mystery behind it — be honest, did you know what buccal fat was before 2022? — has drawn people in. He called it “the perfect surgery to go viral.”

“As opposed to a nose job or lip filler, patients have no idea what buccal fat is and what happens when you remove it,” he said. “Therefore, you have to do some research and will inevitably come across the addictive videos of its removal through the mouth.”

Tweets and TikToks about the procedure have prompted new interest in it.

A New York-based plastic surgeon told the Times that he performed three times the number of buccal fat reductions last year compared to five years ago. Lozada said he has also noticed an uptick.

“I have noticed an increase in patients asking for buccal fat at the outset and coming in with more knowledge about the procedure,” he said. “This is very clearly a direct result of it going viral online. I’ve seen this happen with many procedures including lip filler, fox eye thread lifts, liquid rhinoplasty and lip lifts.”

Are there risks?

“The answer is a resounding yes,” Lozada said, adding that a trendy procedure isn’t always the best long-term approach.

“Producing a result that is trendy but unnatural is risky,” he said. “Once the trend passes, the look may not be something the patient wants anymore.”

Lozada’s advice is not to undergo permanent surgical procedures because of trends.

“There is a high risk of buyer’s remorse,” he said.

Beyond the cosmetic impact, any surgery comes with risks. According to the Cleveland Clinic, they include infection, facial nerve or salivary duct injury, and numbness.

What are the criticisms?

Since the procedure is permanent and the buccal fat pad does not regenerate, a patient’s face could grow sunken as they age.

Plastic surgeons say removing too much of the buccal fat can prematurely age someone or make their face look hollow, especially if there isn’t much buccal fat to begin with.

A growing number of TikTok users are pushing back, NBC reported. They say such plastic surgery trends perpetuate unattainable beauty standards. Instead, they want people to embrace their natural features.

“In the era of Instagram face, if you can find a way to love what is different about you from everybody else, I think that’s a powerful thing to do,” TikToker Sari Oister, who made a video praising her round face, told NBC.

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Too much of medication for Graves' disease has ill effects

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

One reader with Graves' disease experienced a hard time getting going in the morning due to fatigue. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I feel like I am walking a tightrope between hyper- and hypothyroidism. I was diagnosed with Graves' disease because my thyroid went into overdrive. I lost a lot of weight, developed a tremor and I had to take metoprolol for my rapid heart rate.

My thyroid doctor prescribed methimazole to calm the thyroid down. Now, I am gaining weight and my heart rate is slow. I have a hard time getting going in the morning, not to mention I can fall asleep for a midday nap given half a chance. Could the medicine be suppressing my thyroid too much?

A: Graves' disease is an autoimmune condition in which the thyroid gland produces too much hormone. Symptoms can include palpitations, nervousness, fatigue, elevated blood pressure and heart rate, hair thinning, weight loss and insomnia.

Methimazole interferes with the production of T4 and T3 thyroid hormones. Too much medication could result in inadequate thyroid hormone. Weight gain, slow heart rate and fatigue are typical of hypothyroidism.

Ask your physician about testing your thyroid hormone levels. Your dose of methimazole might need adjustment.

Q: Somehow, I never contracted COVID-19, but I did get all the shots and boosters. Since receiving my first vaccine, the cold sores that I used to get on my lips two to four times a year for the past 30 years have completely vanished.

So have my plantar warts, which I've had for even longer. They resisted multiple treatments, including surgical removal. Now they are gone. Is my experience unique?

A: Shortly after people started getting COVID-19 vaccinations, some began reporting that they'd had long-lasting warts disappear. There are some case reports in the medical literature (JAAD Case Reports, January 2023).

Another reader had a different experience: "I just got over COVID, for which I took Paxlovid for three days. I now see that all my warts are gone!

"That is the only positive thing that came out of the illness. I had two vaccines and a booster in the past year, which didn't faze the warts."

But we also discovered a number of case reports that COVID-19 vaccination had reactivated herpes simplex eye infections (Ocular Immunology and Inflammation, July 2022).

Q: I was taking high doses of ibuprofen for spine and leg pain. My blood pressure was high, so my doctor prescribed BP medications. He added one after another without any obvious improvement. We were both frustrated.

I finally tried going without ibuprofen, and my BP fell to normal. I started breaking my BP pills in half, and my BP stayed low, even under stressful conditions.

I recommend that if you have stubbornly high blood pressure and take ibuprofen, stop it for a few weeks and check your BP.

You might have heard that the increased blood pressure due to using this type of pain reliever is no big deal. I am proof it can be impressive.

If you take a lot of ibuprofen and have high BP, don't take more BP meds. Instead, stop the pain reliever for a few weeks and check your numbers.

A: Thank you for sharing your story. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as celecoxib, diclofenac, ibuprofen, naproxen and meloxicam all can raise blood pressure (BMC Cardiovascular Disorders, Oct. 24, 2012). Some people, like you, may be sensitive to this effect.

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Restless legs syndrome in kids

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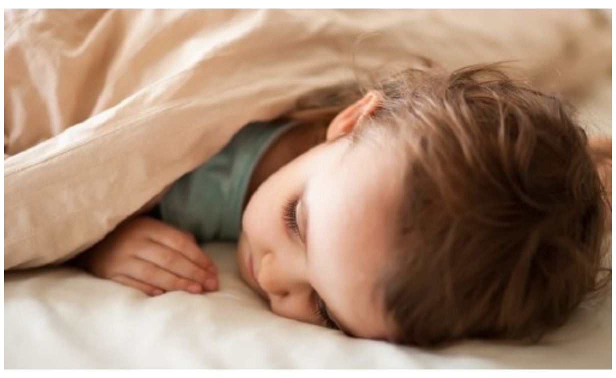

Children can have sensations in their legs that make it hard for them to fall or stay asleep. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: My child moves around a lot at bedtime and has trouble falling asleep. She describes "bugs" on her legs. As someone who was diagnosed with restless legs syndrome, I am wondering if children can develop restless legs syndrome, too?

A: Yes, children can have restless legs syndrome. You also may hear it called Willis-Ekbom disease, based on the names of the physicians who first described this condition.

Just like adults, children can have sensations in their legs that makes it hard for them to sleep. If the sensation happens regularly, they may have restless legs syndrome, which is a sleep disorder.

Restless legs syndrome can occur in about 2% of school-aged children. It also can run in families. Children with symptoms may have a parent who has restless legs syndrome.

The syndrome does not lead to other health problems in children. Treatments are available that can reduce or eliminate restless legs syndrome.

It can be challenging to diagnose children with restless legs syndrome, which is characterized by an unpleasant or uncomfortable urge to move their legs. Some describe it as a crawling, pulling or burning sensation in the thighs, calves or feet. Children may describe "bugs" or use other such descriptors.

The sensation is temporarily relieved when they get up and move, or when they shift or stretch their legs. Children also can have "growing pains," which typically wax and wane, and are not associated with the need for movement.

Symptoms of restless legs syndrome typically begin at night after a person has been sitting or lying down for some time. These symptoms can occur during the day, too, when a person is sitting, but they typically are worse at night. Children may have these feelings while sitting in a car or classroom. In kids, symptoms can start as early as 5 to 6 years old.

Many people have mild leg twitches as they drift off to sleep. These movements, called "hypnic starts," are a normal part of falling asleep. They are not associated with restless legs syndrome. Restless legs syndrome is much more uncomfortable.

Sometimes muscle and ligament strain can be misinterpreted as restless legs syndrome. Usually, however, a strain is relieved by rest; whereas, the symptoms of restless legs syndrome worsen when limbs are kept still.

Sleep studies are not necessary unless children cannot accurately describe their symptoms. Based on how old they are developmentally, it can be difficult for them to describe the feelings in their legs, so speak with a health care provider about options.

Treatment focuses on relieving symptoms. Taking a warm bath, massaging the legs, or applying warm or cool packs can calm symptoms of restless legs syndrome. Stretching, followed by regular moderate exercise and establishing good sleep habits also can make a difference. Caffeine, alcohol or tobacco consumption can trigger or worsen symptoms.

Research shows that too little iron in a person's diet can contribute to restless legs syndrome. Some young children or toddlers have a high consumption of cow's milk, which can lead to low iron. You may want to speak to your pediatrician about checking their blood iron level.

If the blood iron level is low, eating more iron-rich foods can help. Examples include red meat; dark green leafy vegetables; beans; and iron-fortified breads, cereals and pastas. Your provider also might suggest iron supplements, which is usually the first choice to treat children.

No medications have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for children with restless legs syndrome. Certain medications may be considered by a sleep medicine physician if children have not responded to other measures.

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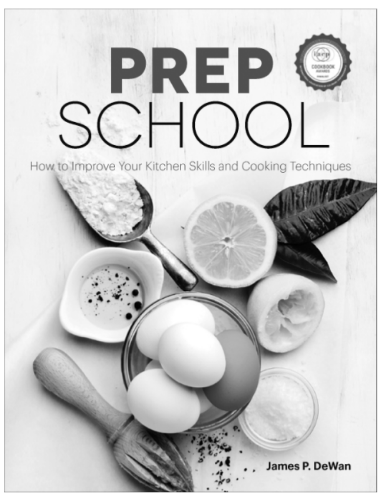
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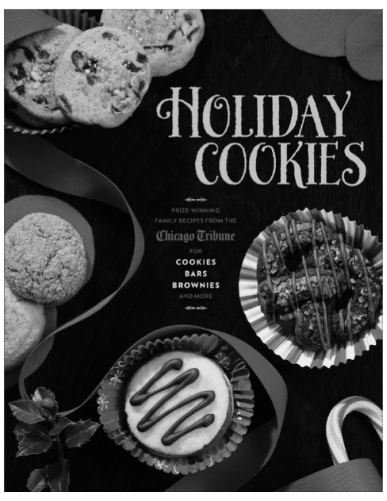
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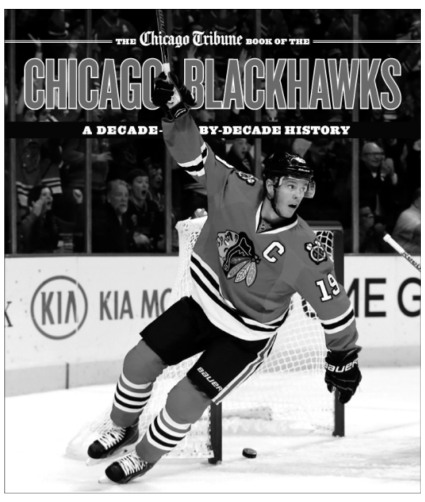
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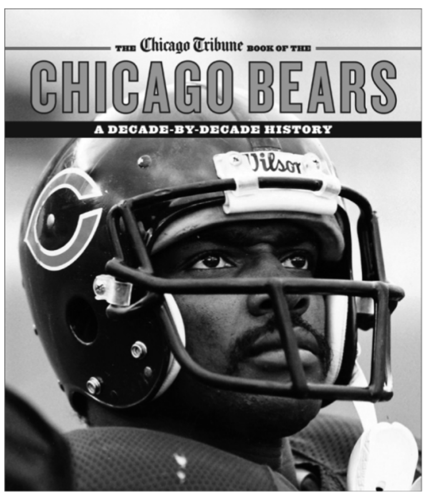
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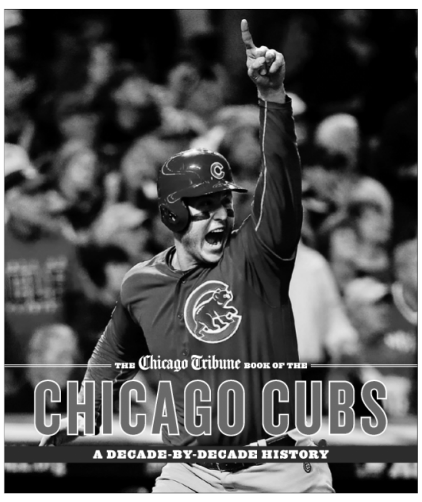
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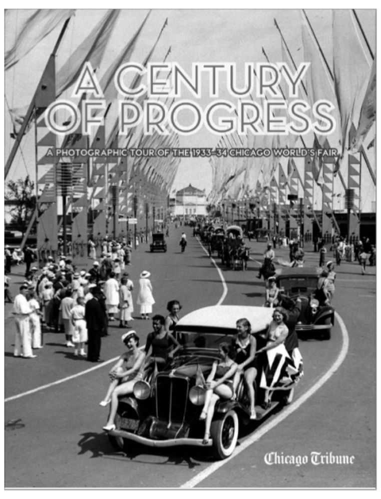
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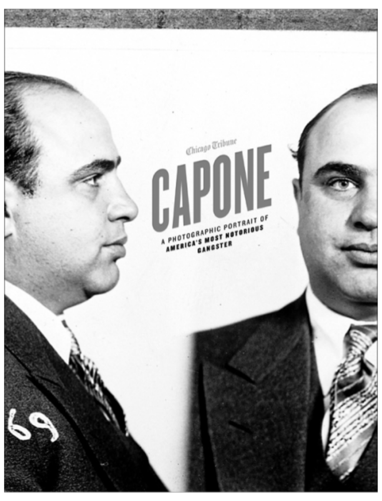
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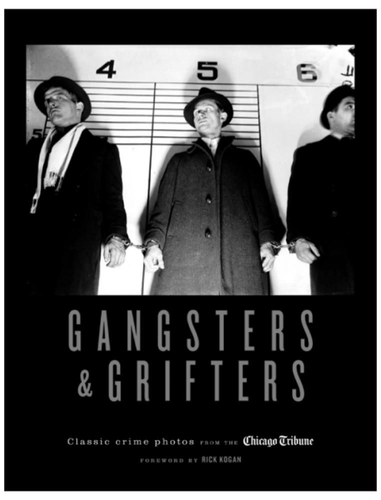
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